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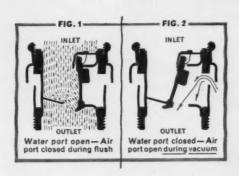
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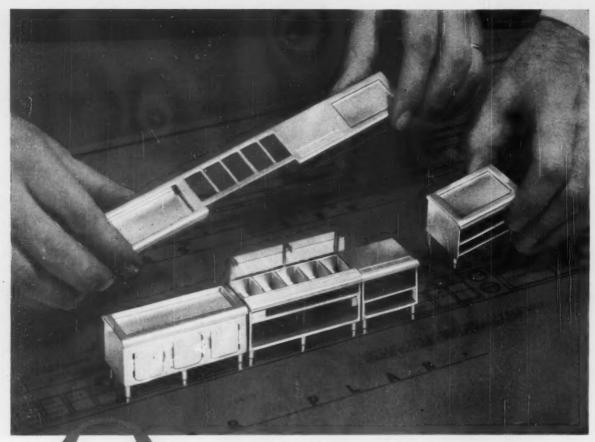
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Is the Authoritarian Becoming Respectable? . . .

DECISION MAKING seems to be the phrase currently most in favor in discussion and research on administration. And there can be no doubt that it is one of the essential elements — some claim *the* essential or critical element — of administration.

But in some of the literature relating to decision making there is what sounds to me like an ominous overtone of authoritarianism. In fact, the word "authoritarianism" is not such a bad word any more.

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It doesn't look as though the representatives of the business and industrial community can be depended upon for advancing administration, for these sentiments are distinctly reactionary. They assuredly do not apply to educational administration. They sound more applicable to "a peasant economy." But are such expressions, beginning to appear with more frequency, the sign of a change in our profession of and our allegiance to democratic principles?

Three Suggestions for Flexible Retirement Plan

It is rather surprising that so little attention has been given in education to abolishing uniform age requirements for retirement. In some states and city school systems, when a specified age, such as 65 or 70 is reached, an employe has no choice but to retire, and the governing board may also have no choice. (Sometimes it can change the rule if it is only a board rule and not a law or a requirement of the state retirement plan.)

The perennial need for teachers at all levels, a need that seems to be di-

minishing not a bit and, in fact, in higher education becoming critically acute, would lead one to think that developing more flexible policies on retirement would be seriously undertaken. Because a flexible policy is much more difficult to administer than a uniform rule may be the reason why it has not. But this is not a good reason, for administrators are paid higher salaries than others, at least in part, because of the problems and difficulties their work entails.

Three conditions should be fulfilled in a flexible retirement plan, in deciding if an elderly employe is to be retained, say, on full time, three-fourths time, half-time, or one-fourth time:

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Other problems are associated with flexible retirement policy, but the three questions given are the nub of the matter. Somebody ought to start a campaign.

Second Thoughts on Interscholastic Competition

In general, reaction to the Clinic for November, in which the educational values of interscholastic athletics were questioned, has been favorable. Schoolmen in several states have written or told me that they agree fully in principle but do not know just how to go about getting changes made. I should also report that several pointed reminders have come my way from English friends and from Americans who have studied or visited in Britain to the effect that athletic competition not only exists there but is also very keen. This is especially true of the grammar schools, which are mainly academic prep schools for the univer-

In the November Clinic I said that interscholastic athletic competition was "almost nonexistent." I should have added the clause, "as we know

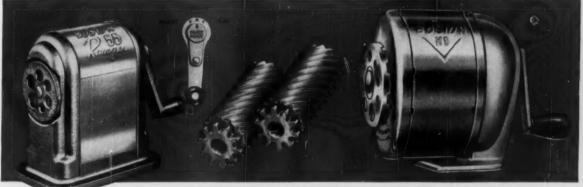


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it," for there is little resemblance between British and American interscholastic rivalry. In Britain these conditions obtain, as a very general thing:

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In most sections of the U.K., of course, the population is so heavy and schools are so close together that such interscholastic competition as does exist has a sort of neighborhood flavor. But the rivalry is keen, nonetheless. British boys and girls have strong school loyalty, a lot of pride in the uniform and colors of their own schools.

Girls compete more than is usually approved in the U.S., and one thing that many grammar schools do that looks bad to me is engaging in many after-school midweek games. However, this is more understandable and perhaps even excusable when one recalls that most grammar schools have a large proportion of boarding pupils, with the school responsible for them for 24 hours a day.

Korean Life and Letters -

and these letters spell RAY HAMON

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Former U.S.O.E. school housing chief writes from Grient

We could have talked more glibly about Korea if we had written this a month after we arrived. A lot of what we then thought we knew about Korea we have now learned is true only part of the time, for certain people and things, in some places.

Probably more American employes are working in the republic of Korea (South Korea) and more U.S. dollars are being spent here than in any of the other U.S. aid missions to underdeveloped countries. When one traces the Western defense line from Alaska to the Philippines, it is obvious that our interests in Korea are something more than a philanthropic gesture.

We are often asked how it feels to live within the range of hostile Communist guns, to say nothing of nuclear carrying jet bombers. We don't worry about it. We do, by regulation, keep our quick-departure bags packed. We were told that we might expect seven days' warning, but that is silly. It would probably be more like seven seconds; so, "What will be, will be."

On Sept. 16, 1958, I "retired" from a position I had held for 17 years as chief of the school housing section in the U.S. Office of Education. The next day I went

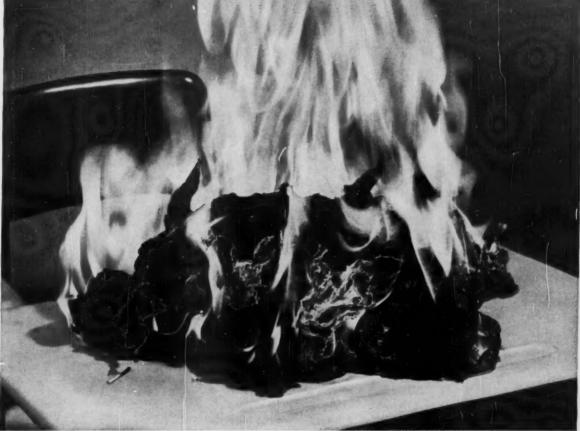
on duty under the Peabody College contract with the International Cooperation Administration for a two-year assignment as school building adviser to the teacher training institutions of Korea. Mrs. Hamon and I arrived in Seoul on October 6, and I immediately went to work on a difficult job. I have never worked harder, or with more satisfaction.

There are 23 public teacher training institutions: three colleges of education, two normal junior colleges, and 18 normal schools, all with inadequate and run-down physical plants. Many buildings were destroyed in the Korean War; and don't let Harry, or anyone else, tell you that it was a mere police action.

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Schools here are organized on the 6-3-3 plan, primary, middle and high school. Classes in these schools, and also in normal schools, average about 70 students, often 80 or more, and sometimes in double sessions. We are not happy about the lecture method, which is about the only class "activity" throughout the Korean schools. We are working with the school authorities trying to modify classroom procedures. But just what would you do with 80 students in a room of 20 pyong (720 sq. ft.), "equipped" with rough home-made furniture, no teaching supplies, and very few books?

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I have designed, for local manufacture, science tables for mass instruction; and classroom tables and seats that will stack, thus freeing a portion of the room for student activity. I am also working on a roof design that will utilize south winter sun for warmth, but with glare control. Central heating is out of the question, and fuel is scarce and expensive. Some classrooms have small stoves, but they don't really warm the room. Many classrooms have no stoves at all. There are days when the temperature drops below zero; and, in most of the schools, children remove their shoes when entering.

We are becoming very fond of the Koreans with whom we work in the schools and in our offices. They are efficient, intelligent, kind and cultured people. I wish that as much could be said for their highly centralized government and their politicians. Democratic action and freedom of the press are only relative terms. President Rhee, 84, is running for reelection. With press, radio and police control, the outcome is predictable.

U.S. aid has made it possible to import some goods and materials not yet available here in adequate quantities. Such purchases are made through bids on the worldwide market, and our I.C.A. regulations say we must purchase from the lowest bidder meeting specifications. Japanese firms are usually low on building materials, especially cement. Last June 15, Korea cut off all trade with Japan, thus delaying our building program. I doubt if cutting off trade is the way to solve the problem.

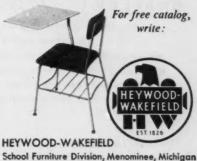
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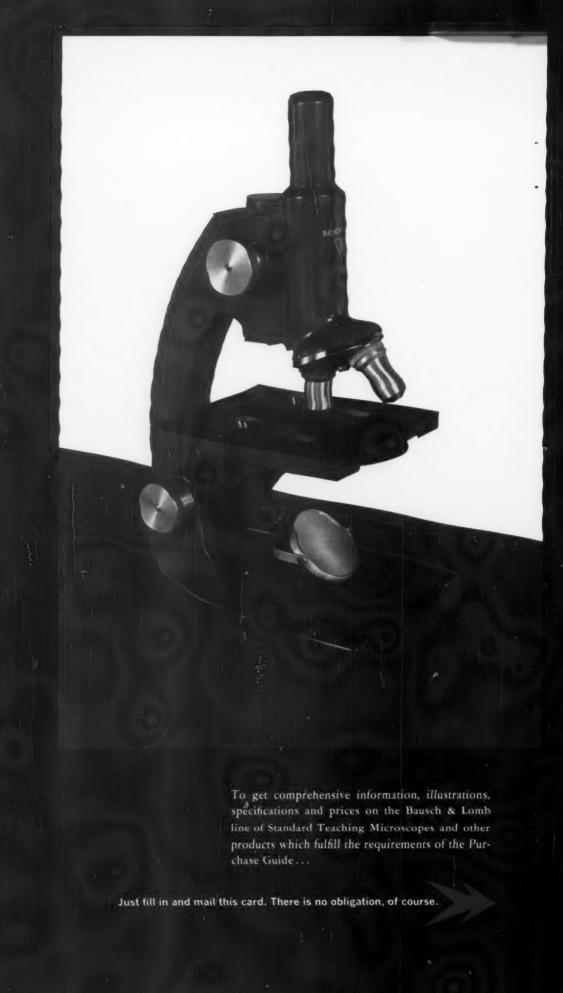
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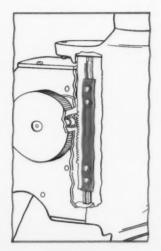


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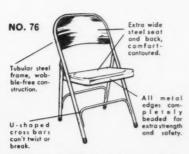
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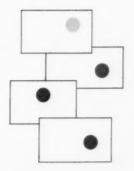
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JUDGING by some of the remarks during recent TV investigations, everybody but school superintendents is getting payola. I am not sure just what payola is because Mr. Webster, my favorite investigator, doesn't even mention it in the latest edition of his fascinating book, so probably he doesn't get any, either. It appears, however, that payola is some sort of income that is exempt from taxation.

When and how does one get payola, anyway? I have appeared on TV a number of times to defend the school budget, and all I ever received was a lot of nasty letters and an advertisement for accident insurance. When my board of education demanded that one-fifth of the graduating class be pulled through mathematics to please Vice Admiral Rickover, did they give me any payola? Not on your life—they didn't even give me an option.

And when I made a job for my board president's son, passed his daughter into the graduating class, hired his secretary because his wife didn't want her around, gave his aunt a position as librarian, and refused to sue when his dog bit my leg, he refused to sign my contract because he said: "What have you done for me lately?"

I ask you, Mr. Chalk Dust, is that payola?

Yours in the bonds,

W.L.B.

SCIENCE IN SUGARTOWN

THE HARNESSING of science to the well known peeping ability of the Russkies has enabled them to be the first to get a peek at the back-side of the moon. This scientific, and possibly even escatological, event has caused considerable embarrassment to American educators, as it probably has to the Moon People themselves. It is further rumored that the U.S.S.R. is planning to follow up their sneak preview by shooting a few of their heroes into space provided they have not already shot them in some other parts of their anatomy.

Despite these discomfiting events, many educators believe that more young Americans know more about science than in any other country this side of the Milky Way. They assert that the Soviet's moon shooting is more in the field of political science than in pure science and that political science is not always pure.

Confusing as these assertions are, they are certainly strengthened by a perusal of the Administration Study of Science Education in this issue of The Nation's Schools. Never has so much concern and understanding about science teaching been set forth in so few pages. The study not only proves how important is science, but it suggests what to do about it. In my opinion, the greater value lies not in the erudite articles but in the advertising pages.

It is a melancholy fact that, in the field of science, the educators have not always been able to keep up with the

inventors, purveyors, exhibitors and salesmen of scientific equipment and apparatus. The school administrator, sputniked by nonscientific budgets and plastered by blueprints, has too often been content to use ancient textbooks and inadequate scientific equipment salvaged from the community ash cans and the school midden. With averted eyes, he has hurried past the exhibitors' booths at Atlantic City to

solace himself with a free glass of tomato juice. Sorrowfully, he has ignored the inviting displays featuring plasticized electronic skeletons or rubberized world globes as they bounced merrily on their south poles. It may be that he felt he had plenty of skeletons in his curriculum closets at home. It may be that he was opposed to any kind of an

inflated world. But the sad fact remains that he felt that he was doing his duty to science by purchasing a few decaying amoebae or collecting sample vardsticks for his faculty.

Of course, not all school administrators are scientifically oriented. Back in Sugartown in the pre-moon era, the teaching of science was divided into three parts only. If the springtime were unusually fecund, frogs could be gathered free from every pond, and this provided an economical emphasis on biology. A surprising knowledge of genetics was learned by the farm pupils, who had some fine nearly open-air laboratories, but this learning was largely extracurricular. In mining communities, where iron filings were abundant, students were taught the laws of magnetic fields in physics. Chemistry was a matter of broken bunsen burners heated by candle stubs left over from the candlelighting orgies of the P.T.A. or the Eastern Star. All other equipment was homemade.

According to Gresham's law, the homemade equipment still prevails. In fact, one state education department has recently issued a do-it-yourself brochure showing how to self-equip a laboratory. Probably the brochure was written by the same character who proved that empty orange crates make an admirable school library and thus started an economy fad on which thousands of teachers have ruined their nylons. Of course, the do-it-yourself idea has some merit. When the equipment blows up a student or two, a place is provided for others clamoring for an in.

The Science Study may help to change this situation. We hope it will inspire the budget-makers into an examination of their conscience and their figures.

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

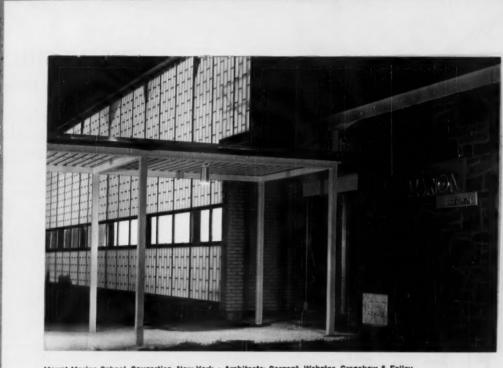
MODERN CURRICULUM tinkerers owe a great debt to Ogg, the Stone Age curriculum expert, who actually started the whole disturbing business. When Ogg was first employed by the Stone Age Board of Education, he was given instructions to think up a curriculum that would help the merry little juvenile delinquents of that golden era to dragrace a chariot, pick up a fast clam shell, or be able to answer all quiz questions on TV. Ogg thought up a curriculum that stressed the cardinal principles for survival. It included cave building, trap setting, mastodon dodging, war worrying, and moon appreciation. This curriculum was hailed with assorted enthusiasm and, like his more modern successors, Ogg was showered with praise and brickbats.

Unfortunately, the later educational achievements of Ogg, if any, have been lost in the mists of antiquity, for he was shortly replaced by a young Neolith whose uncle had some fine connections at City Hall. It is evident, however, that the Ogg curriculum has a great deal of merit. In fact, the way things are going around here, it reads like a prophecy and may soon find a place in every school.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

IN CONSCIENTIOUS ATTEMPT to keep abreast of current youth literature, many school superintendents scan the "true confessional" magazines confiscated in classrooms. They are seldom surprised at the candor and frankness they find. It is amusing to discover the same sort of frankness exhibited by Vice Admiral Rickover in his latest blast at education (Saturday Evening Post, Nov. 28, 1959). Says the submarine expert: "Even persons who are competent in a particular field, but otherwise deficient educationally, show the same tendency to overvalue their capacity and to interject themselves into areas where they lack competence."

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It is fortunate that the A.A.S.A. moratorium on yearbooks did not go into effect before the publication of the 1960 volume - an able discussion and summary of the factors that motivated the association's resolution of February 1959 to limit new membership after January 1, 1964 to those with two years of successful graduate work in approved courses in educational administration. This is a strong appeal for educational leadership to come of age as a profession. It gains added authority from the fact that the chairman of the Yearbook Commission is also the executive secretary of the association's Committee for the Advancement of School Administration.

The first of the 11 chapters details the problems of Riverdale (town real; name disguised) in its selection of a new super-intendent. The seventh proposes an ideal but not impossible program of preparation for "expectant administrators," and suggests how it might be financed.

Other chapters discuss the current picture in preparation and inservice training, describing them as too often woefully lacking in staff competency, content and usefulness. The commission argues forcefully throughout the book that in the vortex of changing technology, value systems, exploding population, and expanding responsibilities, no superintendent can afford to fly by the seat of his pants alone. That won't do for a jet job. Influential segments of the public are at last beginning to sense the importance of his work and his need for better training.

"More Than Has Ever Been Known Before." How well is the superintendent prepared now? Does he fit the public stereotype of him? Or his own? The Riverdale board said it was shocked by the number of men holding administrative positions who were poorly educated in the humanities and who were inarticulate in both speaking and writing. But the superintendent hardly matches the picture in which the wilder critics of the

schools make him appear as a bumbling teachers college product with a major in coaching athletic teams, almost totally unacquainted with scholarship virtues.

Deriving its data from the just-readyfor-publication N.E.A. study of the superintendent's career pattern, the commission draws his profile. The conclusions could not be further from the expectations of those who have polled only their taxi drivers and their own imaginations.

The typical superintendent is 51 years old. He came from a small community and a larger than typical family, of which he was probably the first-born. He was graduated from a straight arts college, where he took the hard core subjects, majoring in the behavioral sciences, physical and biological science, history and government, or education. He has had more than five years of graduate work. Only 15 per cent of the 859 included in the study had their bachelor's degree in education; 9 per cent majored in English, 3 per cent in health and physical education, and less than 1 per cent in guidance. Most took the usual route of teacher, principal and superintendent, reaching the first administrative post before they were 35.

These superintendents have held their present jobs an average of nine years. For 54 per cent this is the first superintendency. They are not hedgehoppers, 44 per cent having stayed in one community and 85 per cent in the same state. Their average salary is \$10,700. Few have martyr complexes or talk about their ulcers, if any. They like their jobs, and most of them would do it all over again.

How They Rate Their Own Training. Superintendents seem generally satisfied with the quality of their graduate preparation. But, alarmed over the way in which the respondents rated the strengths and weaknesses of that training, the authors are skeptical about the value "of the melange of preparation programs" to which they submitted themselves. They found that there was no rounded core, that for the most part each chose his own curriculum, and that there was a sad dearth of field experience and internship.

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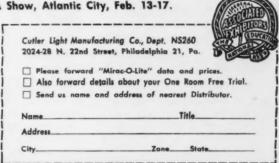
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for their work they ranked intelligence seventh! Prime in importance they considered ability to see the whole picture, unusual understanding of people, unusual ability to live with a high-pressure job, and administrative experience in a secondary school. As most important fields for study they listed school finance, curriculum, public and human relations.

Badly in Need of a Complete Overhauling. Surveying both by questionnaire and interview the current preparation scene in the universities and colleges, the commission finds "a rather dismal montage." Of 293 institutions reporting, 251 have programs for intending administrators, but "only a small handful have anything resembling a selection program" centered on administrative potential.

Casing the course offerings, the commission notes with distress none with the title of "human relations" or reasonable facsimile, and no recent revision of courses in response to the need of administrators for wider knowledge in the social sciences. They found too many institutions with small enrollments, 84 per cent of those surveyed having 25 or fewer students. Only 28 of 251 offered internships. "If an institution cannot provide internship training it should not be in the business of preparing educational administrators."

Inservice Resources. Mentioned first as an ever-present help is the professional association, the A.A.S.A. "Good publications," the book says, with special compliments for "Hogs, Ax Handles, and Woodpeckers." The A.A.S.A. also sponsors drive-in conferences, which are undoubtedly of higher potential than has yet been realized. The annual convention is good for stimulation, exposure to new ideas, and a sea-change. But it is not an experience in depth.

State department leadership is strong in some states, but not in all. Hopeful note: In 1947 two-thirds of the chief school officers were politically elected and only eight appointed by state boards, whereas today less than half are elected and 22 are named by the state board.

Superintendents will do well to nurture their own growth by associating themselves with university programs (especially in research) and cooperative study councils. And they can read, too. But do they? According to the Pharis survey of 1958 one-fourth of the group studied had read not one book on education during that year. Almost half had read neither a work of fiction or one of biography.

(Maybe there is an unsuspected market for this yearbook right within the craft. I am working only from page proofs, but I am told that the format will be especially attractive, with fine art work on offwhite paper and brown ink. I can guarantee good typography, fresh insight marked by newly minted phrases, and challenging content. The book has what Arnold Bennett called stingo.)

The commission says that the practicing superintendent wants to know where he can get dependable findings in recent educational research, in community decision making, and on how administrative behavior affects achievement of organizational goals. Yet he makes scant use of leading research journals. Some of the cant terminology bothers him. He readily comprehends "line and staff," "vertical and horizontal organization," and "social mobility." He is not so sure of "charismatic leadership" (though he may practice it) or the "Hawthorne effect." Whether he understands Parkinson's Law is not stated.

But the fellows who wrote this book and know all about the relation of nomothetic considerations to alter-group expectations have the great grace to add kind words for the "human, intuitive, unlettered dimensions of school leadership that no amount of contrived inservice work can convey." Thus:

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vices of social science, for all of the expert help at hand, the burden of the lonesome hours of decision making is the superintendent's own. In other words, his final resources are, yes, his intuition, his common sense, his heart and the things he has learned about education through disciplined study."

Picking the Horses. Now from what is to what should be. Let's look in our own backyards for promising administrative material. Begin in the secondary school. Set teacher organizations to scouting for leaders. Get school administration into career days. Follow up your preferred risks through college and into their first teaching positions. Study your faculties and groom the best candidates even if you lose your own jobs to them.

Colleges should screen applicants. "There are too many dubious contenders." Screen for intelligence? Yes, but "to be truthful, about all that is known about the intelligence of leaders is that they are usually a bit brighter than their average followers, and probably should be." But at least the "language lacerators" and extreme deviants can be sieved out. Screen by college grades? "Unfortunately, research has not discovered a high correlation between grades and success at anything except making more grades in similar courses."

Now it strikes me that in being so fair about the value of various criteria the commission has neglected some good positive leads. If I were a college professor or a superintendent or a school board member, I think I'd emphasize this line: How much initiative has this chap shown in whatever job he has held - as student or as pfc., or as department store employe, and in his voluntary associations as one man among others? First-born or not, did he carry a paper route, work with a road gang, tackle the hard things, and stand the gaff? Has he shared in family financial responsibilities? How prompt has he been to help others? Who are his friends, and how loyal is he to them, they to him? And, of course, can he speak the language with clarity and sometimes with vigor?

The book says: "Effective educational leadership is not a blessing that droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon all those who do not know enough to come in out of it." I don't know where it comes from. But I think it inheres in those who have an urge to get good things done and who can learn in time how to get others to go along in helping to bring things to pass.

How To Run the Good Course. The model program laid out for a mythical State University asks for candidates discriminatingly chosen, two years of graduate study, a faculty strong in scholarship and the practice of educational administration.

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The second phase deals with advanced studies, including a general survey and work in cognate fields and then focusing on a specialized area of administration. There are some lectures, much discussion, great insistence on critical thinking, use of the case method, decision making in simulated situations, role playing, field trips, and surveys. It includes a practical approach to budget making and presentation, formulation of objectives, curriculum building, evaluating and improving instruction, community study — all with heavy emphasis on developing sound educational theory and applying it.

The third phase is on-the-job training — internship and internship seminars. Hooray for State! This is a core. No room for Arthur Murray. But I think I'd add a lively course in art, music and literature, as well as an intensive review of the decencies of English composition.

Paying the Shot. The sort of preservice training the commission advocates costs money. So does the inservice work to which a full chapter is devoted. Where find the funds? First consider the Boortz study. We have been spending on educational administration only a fraction of what other professions spend. The institutional cost for our three-year programs has been only a sixth of that for medical preparation, one-third of that for dentistry, one-half of that for law. And in these other cases the training is just for the practice of the basic profession, not for professional leadership in it. Much of it is heavily subsidized, too. The data gathered for the yearbook show that three-fourths of the superintendents doing graduate work receive no scholarship aid at all. Only 1.2 per cent received more than \$5000 from sources outside themselves.

To meet the costs of proper training there should be assistance to the preparing institution as well as to the individuals. Whence? Public education gets the ultimate benefit. The commission suggests that school systems should be willing to contribute 1 per cent of their annual budgets. "You don't know Nellie like I do,' said the saucy little bird on Nellie's hat." But the commission can point to significant beginnings in such financing.

One important step is to cut down the number of institutions attempting the job. The move should be toward regional concentration in universities selected

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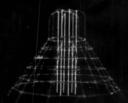
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No Smoking Areas for Students! 'Unlawful, Unhealthful, Immoral'

A SUPERINTENDENT from Missouri submitted this month's opinion poll question to a class in public relations composed of teachers and administrators. He reports that 85 per cent of the class members are against high schools' setting up regulations for smoking or providing smoking areas. And 87 per cent of the superintendents participating in The NATION'S SCHOOLS February opinion poll are in agreement.

State laws dictated the choice of some schoolmen. "It is illegal in Michigan for those under 21 to smoke cigarets anywhere except under the jurisdiction of their parents and on home property," said one official. Another stated: "It is a violation of the Pennsylvania Penal Code to sell cigarets to minors."

"In spite of the fact that many students do smoke, I believe that we as teachers would be defeating the principles laid down by the state department of education if we provided areas for smoking. We are asked to teach our students the ill effects of tobacco, alcohol and narcotics," an administrator from Minnesota commented.

Contradicts Health Habits

Many respondents asserted that providing "smokers" for high school students would be contradictory to the teaching of good health habits. "If smoking is harmful, as medical authorities seem to agree that it is, we should not make it easier for our youth to acquire the detrimental habit," a Kansas schoolman remarked. A New Jersey respondent stated flatly that "the schools should not contribute to a potential health hazard."

Another group of superintendents contends that providing areas for high school students to smoke would encourage smoking. This, they believe, should not be done. "Many youngsters who would not otherwise learn to smoke may do so where conditions are such that smoking is convenient," said a Kansan. A New Jersey administrator declared: "Schools should provide opportunities for wholesome attitudes

and habits, and not encourage such poor habits as smoking."

An administrator from Pennsylvania supplemented his vote with the maxim: "Give them an inch and they take a mile."

"Using the premise that because students smoke, we should provide a place to smoke, we might also set aside an area for any activity desired by the students," stated a respondent from Illinois.

"Teen-agers also drink, get into fights, drive recklessly, and have illicit sex relations — but I doubt if any school is considering a supervised area for such activity," said an Iowa superintendent, who, among others, attached a moral implication to the question.

It's a Question of Morals

"If we condone one type of immorality and provide the means for it to be carried on, then we should provide for them all alike," added a Texan.

Some schoolmen believe restricting smoking by high school students to be a way of teaching self-discipline. A Californian stated: "Assisting young people to develop proper self-control, including restricting smoking on school grounds, is a perfectly legitimate responsibility of the secondary school."

A few comments against smoking on school grounds contained a fire hazard argument. This one was by a Vermont superintendent: "I believe that there should be no provisions for smoking in any schools — by either faculty or students. There are enough fire hazards without adding this one."

A statement by a Colorado schoolman presented words familiar to educators: "I thought the nation was pressed for classrooms. Therefore, we need a special room for smoking?"

Thirteen per cent of the respondents would have high schools provide smoking areas and set up regulations. The following suggestions were made.

With Parents' Consent

"Designate a small outside area where students who have secured written parental consent may smoke when the regular school classes are not in session. This area should be located so that no fire hazards are created or where pupils do not normally gather." (N. H.)

"Provide supervised smoking areas with a register of all students who visit the smoker." (Tex.)

Permit students who have "written parental consent" to smoke. "Send a list of rules and regulations to the parents. Have two designated times daily in a secluded location under faculty supervision." (S.C.)

"Allow smoking at social events in the evening only." (N.Y.)

"Make smoking areas off-limits to nonsmokers." (Ark.)

An Oklahoma administrator believes that "a designated area would greatly reduce the number of students who slip out and smoke at the corner of the school grounds or in some secluded spot.

"Frankly, I think it would help discipline," he said.

"There isn't a high school principal anywhere who can effectively enforce no-smoking regulations," challenged an administrator from Massachusetts. "The United States failed to stop drinking by prohibition."

Opinion Poll Findings

Should high schools recognize that teen-agers do smoke by setting up regulations and providing smoking areas?

Yes . . 13%

No . . 87%

Based on a 4 per cent propertional sampling of all school administrators in continental United States, this survey brought a 60 per cent response.



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EDUCATION may be hottest domestic issue in 1960. Nixon, if elected, may reexamine Ike's educational policies. Flemming appeals to the practitioners of higher education.

By EDGAR FULLER

Nelson A. Rockefeller's withdrawal from the race for the Republican presidential nomination left most Washington educators unmoved. They recall that he promoted the ill-fated Hobby school construction bill and similar legislation as Undersecretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. In this role, he was regarded as peculiarly insensitive to federal red tape in education, and too willing to substitute bureaucratic activity for funds that would substantially assist the schools. Many doubt that his good educational record in New York would carry over to the national level.

Vice President Nixon's position on education will be affected to some extent by the Administration's record. It will depend much more on attitudes of the leaders of organized business and commercial agriculture, who are his principal financial and political supporters. He is in the exceptional position of being able to ensure that the Republican platform shall reflect his own estimates of what is politically sound, provided he has no competition for the Republican nomination.

Mr. Nixon has many friends among educators in Washington and throughout the country. He has made a number of excellent speeches on educational problems, and there is a belief that, if elected, he would reexamine some of the educational policies of his predecessor. There is even some hope that he might liberalize federal support to attain the quality education that Americans demand.

H.E.W. Secretary Arthur S. Flemming, widely regarded as a Republican candidate for the vice presidential nomination, believes that the federal government

should play a greater part in higher education. He recently encouraged colleges and universities to get into politics to achieve this end, with a comment that the future of higher education depends upon such political action. The Secretary appeals more to practitioners in higher education than to those interested primarily in elementary and secondary schools. Both as a spokesman for current policy of the Administration and as a potential candidate, Secretary Flemming is a significant part of the Republican posture for 1960.

The Democratic advisory council announced last December that financial assistance from the federal government has become an "imperative" for education. It proposed federal assistance for local school needs with emphasis on construction, along with college scholarships and loans, college facilities, adult education, vocational retraining, and research in educational methods. All this was approved by Democratic presidential possibilities Brown, Humphrey, Kennedy, Meyner, Stevenson, Symington and Williams, The two dissenting votes in the advisory council came from Governor Collins of Florida and National Committeewoman Everett of North Carolina.

Education is widely regarded as a major domestic issue for 1960. It may become such if the respective positions of the parties and candidates can be made clear to the voters by next November.

Party platforms are usually talked about, compromised and then largely ignored. With few exceptions, campaign oratory tends to be double talk, with assurances to supporters of all sides of such thorny and complex issues as education. However, it should be possible in 1960 to ascertain more definitely than in previous election years what the parties and candidates propose for education, because more voters than ever before desire to know and to vote accordingly.

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SOUTHSIDE SCHOOLS, INC. offers free school to Negroes in Virginia. State payment of scholarships presents serious threat to public schools.

A new organization called Southside Schools, Inc. has been chartered to operate tuition free private schools for Negroes in Prince Edward County, Virginia. Organized by 10 white citizens, several of whom are also members of the Prince Edward School Foundation that is operating schools for all-white children in the county, the corporation has announced that it will offer courses similar to those offered by the Foundation. The N.A.A.C.P. is advising Negroes not to attend the classes.

When the public schools were padlocked, the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors cut the county tax rate 53 per cent, and asked taxpayers to contribute the amount of the reduction to the Foundation. More than \$300,000 has been raised for the current year, but such voluntary support is not expected to be adequate on a permanent basis. The Foundation has not accepted state financial aid in any form, nor has it used any public school property. The 1450 white pupils are taught by former public school teachers who are paid entirely from private funds, and instruction is in churches, homes and other makeshift facilities.

Southside Schools, Inc. provides a convenient way to discover the legal boundaries within which state scholarship funds or public school property can be used for the direct or indirect support of private schools. Operating segregated schools for Negroes, the corporation will probably rent public school buildings and apply to the state for scholarships already provided by law for pupils who desire to attend nonsectarian private schools. These scholarships provide for state payment of such private school costs up to \$250 per pupil per year.

In poor counties such as Prince Edward the state pays most of the scholarship costs. In wealthier counties, however, the counties bear a major share of the cost. The entire arrangement is subject to abuses. Most of the state scholarships being used in several northern Virginia counties, for instance, have gone to pupils who would have attended private schools anyway; less than 40 per cent in one of these counties attended public schools during the preceding year. Ironically, although the scholarships were authorized primarily to enable pupils to escape integrated schools, some of the recipients have left segregated public schools to enter private schools that are integrated.

For public schools the situation is serious. The scholarship costs that must be paid by the counties tend to be regarded as a charge on the public school budget by the county officials who control school expenditures, and even by school boards themselves.

If a cooperative Virginia legislature experiments through Southside Schools, Inc. to give the broadest possible legal scope to scholarships, threats to public education itself may develop in some communities. Such use of scholarships could undermine the public school and its budget by encouraging the establishment of small private schools without criteria other than that sectarian motives must not be legally visible.

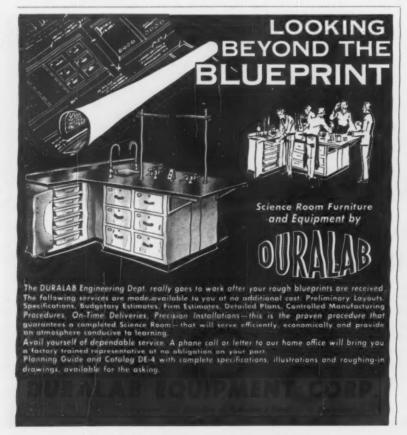
FEDERAL commitment to science education unmistakable, but curriculum not developing fast enough.

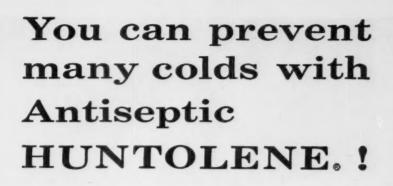
The extent to which the federal government is financing research and teaching in science, mathematics and technology is growing rapidly. For at least a decade, Congress and successive administrations have regarded the advancement of these areas as essential both to the national defense and to the domestic wel-

Since sputnik, the question has not been congressional support, but rather what schools and colleges will accomplish because of the increased resources available. We believe that the impacts of the new programs on elementary and secondary schools are vastly underestimated by school boards, teachers and administrators, and that as a result they are missing opportunities to guide the new programs along educationally desirable

The new impacts are dismaying to some elementary and secondary school leaders who believe in a "balanced" program and who rely on traditional local and state activity for program improvement. In their resentment they define "balanced" in a way that implies that there should be less emphasis on science. They tend to brush off suggestions from new sources, although they are the teachers and administrators who should be directing the science and mathematics emphasis that Congress has decreed into channels that are educationally sound.

All school people, we believe, should take a hard look at the tempo of curricular change. This applies to the content of individual subjects as well as to the proportion of instructional time to be divided among the various fields. Is the speed of traditional curriculum development in the schools adequate to meet the realities of modern times? Congress doesn't think so, and the Administration agrees. The scientists and mathematicians do not think so. The general public, if Congress represents it authentically, does not think so either. Many educators agree, and ask: "Just what is a balanced curriculum in 1960?"





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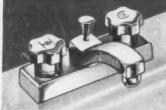


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Why should a business manager speak on such a subject? What does he know about the school curriculum? Let me answer in this way:

An administrator in charge of business affairs is concerned with two facets of public school administration: (1) provision of funds to ensure an adequate educational program, and (2) the efficient and economical use of those funds.

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Hundred of thousands of dollars worth of specialized equipment, purchased primarily with taxpayers' money, is being used only to feed children and faculty — to provide a catering service, as it were. If this is its only purpose, school tax money is not being used efficiently and economically. More than a half-billion students are fed annually in school lunch departments in this country at an expenditure of approximately \$800 million.

A food service program is never coordinated with the school curriculum unless and until the school district administration has actively participated in this co-

ordination. How do we obtain this administration support?

The bureau of field financial services of the New York State Education Department has set forth certain guiding principles encompassing the successful operation of school food service as an integral segment of the educational program. I shall discuss six of these principles in some detail:

Principle of Integration. The school lunch program is a part of the total school program and the community nutrition program. This means that the food service program should be incorporated as a part of the regular school budget. The superintendent or supervising principal has the responsibility for the school lunch program for the entire district, and the principal shares commensurate responsibility in the school.

The school lunch manager should be a member of the educational team, and school lunch problems deserve the attention of the principal and faculty to a degree equal to other major school functions and curriculum problems. Local curriculum guides should contain statements of objectives and suggested teaching experiences related to the school lunch program. The educational aspects of a school lunch program must be developed by teachers in the classroom and practiced in a supervised school lunchroom.

Many opportunities exist for coordinating the school lunch program and the curriculum. Homemaking immediately leaps to mind — in the area of menu planning, food preparation, and nutritional studies. The practical aspects of health education can be illustrated in no better place than in that educational laboratory called the cafeteria. School lunch is a means of improving the food and nutritional habits of children. The science curriculum, both elementary and secondary, could make good use of the educational facilities in the lunchroom.

Other curricular areas — art, business education, social studies, and others — could easily be coordinated with the school lunch program to their mutual advantage. Posters and charts can explain the balanced diet, the number and proportion of students participating, the cost of school lunch and sources of revenue, the amount and value of various community products used, and comparison with other similar services.

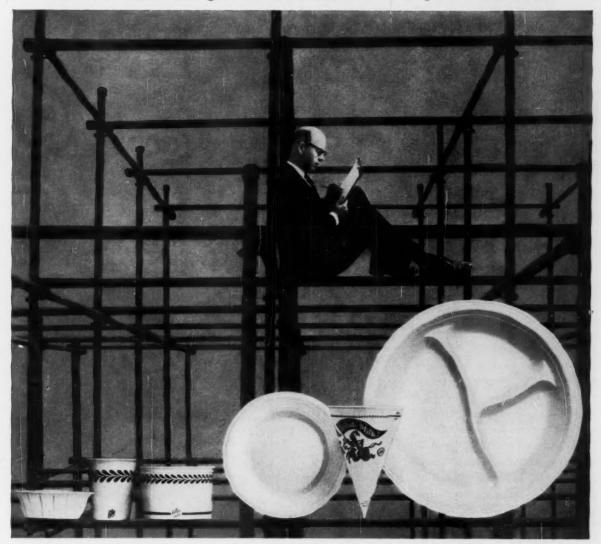
Principle of Cooperation. The school lunch program is a cooperative enterprise. The board of education as the local sponsor, the staff of the school, the school lunch personnel, and the community should work together in developing a lunch program that can be enthusiastically supported. Nor should we ignore pupil relationships. Opportunity must be made available for student councils, class officers, homeroom officers, and other student groups to sense their resr sibility for successful operation of the lunchroom.

The lunch hour has been termed the most neglected hour during the school day, neglected in terms of opportunities for learning. If school lunch is not a learning experience, maybe it is because we don't permit it to be. Maybe the eat-andrun habit is being encouraged by making lunch periods shorter and shorter, by pushing in a second group before the first group is finished, by having a hot, stuffy, noisy lunchroom, by crowding the students too close together. In the entire school operation, the cafeteria receives the most complaints from faculty, students and even parents. It's easy to criticize: food too cold, food too hot, portions too small, food not tasty, no variety, rolls hard, and so forth. Must we develop the attitude, "Let's feed 'em and get it over with?" I think not. Herman Bleckschmidt, business officer of the Normandy school district in St. Louis, suggests three ways of creating an atmosphere for "better use of school lunchtime for education."

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A program in one of Chicago's elementary schools shows what can be done. It was described in The Nations's Schools for March 1958. The principal noted that pupils who were frequent disciplinary problems often had eaten no breakfast. A survey of Grades 4 to 8 followed. It revealed that 21 per cent of the children ate no breakfast at all, and 41 per cent ate breakfast classified as poor. Only 13 per cent ate good breakfasts. Why? Because parents could not afford good breakfasts? Not at all. It was because children and parents had no knowledge of what foods are needed by growing children or even what constitutes a balanced meal for adults.

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Principle of Health and Safety. Only foods contributing to good nutrition should be sold in a school lunch program, and meals should be served in a healthful and pleasant atmosphere. Physical examinations should be conducted periodically to ensure the continuing good health of the school lunch personnel. Safe handling of food, proper dishwashing, and good work habits should be required. Safety hazards, such as slippery floors, unprotected equipment, unsafe electrical equipment and the like, should be repaired or replaced immediately.

Mary DeGarmo Bryan emphasized recently the importance of a good noon meal, especially if the student had no breakfast. "You can't teach a hungry student," she said. She outlined four steps whereby the school lunch can contribute to the solution of health problems. These

are: (1) provide maximum efficiency in physical environment; (2) reduce the standing-in-line time and give students more time to eat, through proper scheduling; (3) have alert and interested teachers; (4) provide teaching materials on nutrition.

Principle of Economy. The school lunch program should operate on a non-profit basis so that the charge for meals is reasonable enough for all children. State and federal reimbursement must be utilized to decrease the cost of meals and milk for all children. Meal prices must be set according to the ability to pay of the children. Meals should be scheduled so as to achieve our objectives with the least defensible time, effort and cost. If necessary, meal schedules should be staggered. Educational experiences can take place in the lunchroom only if the children are there.

A colleague of mine in a near-by suburban school district made a cost study to determine the net cost to the district if all children in the district were fed free, i.e. at no charge to the children. After making the necessary adjustments for increased participation, decreased help needed, and the like, a net cost of some \$40,000 was computed, a little more than 30 cents on the tax rate. Did the board buy it? No. But must we not think in such imaginative ways if we are to succeed in meeting our educational objectives?

Principle of Planning. The school lunch program must be continuously appraised in terms of desired aims and objectives. The professional members of the school lunch staff should be involved in planning the budget for the area. They should be involved in curriculum planning where their particular training makes them valuable. They should be consulted in the over-all planning of an educational program where this educational laboratory called a lunchroom may be utilized. The lunchroom staff must be given a sense of useful participation.

I honestly believe that those unenlightened educational administrators who have not made use of school lunch facilities in promoting the learning process are not really unwilling to do so. They are in the main unaware of the possibilities for learning experiences lurking there.

As we attempt to emphasize the educational value of the school lunch program, we must not lose sight of the primary purpose of school food service: to serve an appetizing, well balanced meal in pleasant surroundings at low cost. This is really an educational objective in itself, as much as is the goal of good study habits. But the school lunch can easily serve more than one objective. Next to the good eating habits of school children, the most important objective is to have school lunch act as a catalyst for better learning in the entire curriculum.



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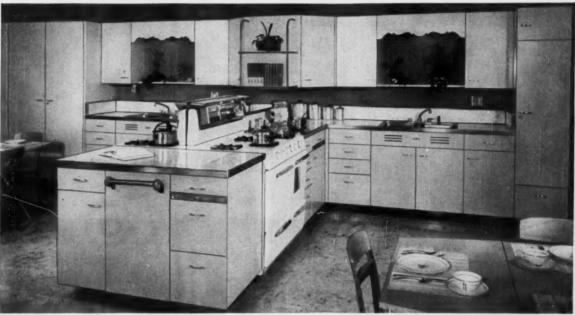
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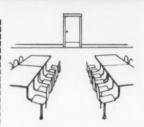
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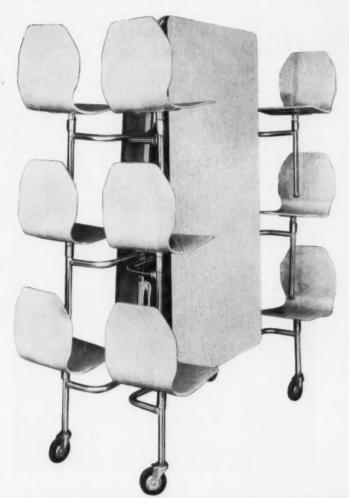


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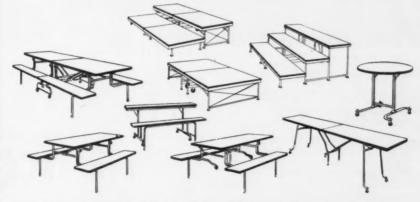
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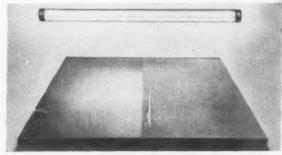
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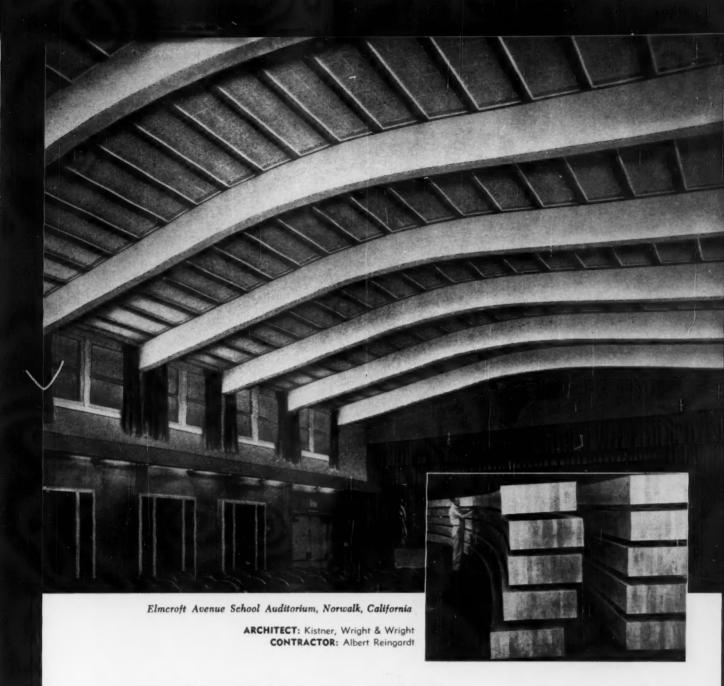
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This seems to be the thinking of a county school board in Michigan, which summarily dismissed its superintendent for alleged failure "to keep regular office hours."

This accusation and a few others even more questionable were handed to the superintendent along with the statement that the board had as of "this day terminated" her contract. Her salary and vacation credit also were stopped abruptly, although her attorney reports that her three-year contract* does not expire until June 30 of this year.

This happened to a school administrator who has served her district with distinction for 30 years. It is another version of the American tragedy that we discussed a few months ago. In this case, the superintendent is within two years of the traditional retirement age of 65. During her three decades as superintendent of Genesee County schools, Daisy Howard had served two terms in the highest honor the teaching profession can accord one of its members, namely the presidency of the state teachers association (Michigan Education Association). Previously she had been vice president, and a member of the board of directors for several years. She had served under three different governors as a member of the Michigan Teachers' Retirement Fund Board. Locally, she had been honored with such offices as president of the Flint Federation of Women's Clubs and president of the Flint Chapter of Zonta International.

Mrs. Howard was professionally trained for her work, having an A.B. degree from Eastern Michigan University and an M.A. degree from the University of Michigan. The Ypsilanti institution also had presented her with an honorary master's degree, in recognition of her service to public education in Michigan. She staunchly advocated the reorganization of school districts into larger and more efficient units, and during her administration the number of districts in Genesee County was reduced from 132 to 31 (outside the city of Flint).

The board's statement listed five incidents of alleged objectionable practices. Mrs. Howard reports that these judgments had been made at an earlier meeting of the board where she was not present, and thus she had no opportunity to hear them or to answer them. To repeat these charges in print gives them unwarranted publicity and yet they need to be examined. Do they seem to be

so serious and so urgent that immediate dismissal was required for an administrator whose work had been so highly regarded for many years and whose contract had seven months yet to go?

To the assertions that she refused to let teachers attend regular seminars and that she used physical violence in evicting a teacher, Mrs. Howard makes emphatic denials. To the accusation that she advised staff members regarding (1) the budgeting of their time on field calls and (2) the making of reports, Mrs. Howard answers that such counsel is in accord with the responsibility of a chief school officer.

The fifth charge was that she did not stay in the office for regular fixed hours. Here is a most peculiar notion as to how the superintendent of a school district the size of Genesee County could and should operate.

The unpleasantness in Genesee County goes beyond the attitudes of the county board of education. It evolves basically from the faulty structure on which the county school board is based, a mistake that may be found in more than a few school districts around the nation.

The trouble dates back about 12 years to the time when the state legislature set up a plan for the selection of a chief school administrator in each county to supersede the popular election of a county commissioner on a political party ticket. Now each school district in the county, regardless of its size, sends one of its board members to a county biannual meeting in June. At this meeting the representatives of the district school boards elect the county board. At two consecutive meetings, two members each are elected for six-year terms. At the third biannual meeting one member is elected for a six-year term. This board hires the county superintendent.

Here then is a board that is not chosen by the people of the county, but by a hand-picked group of board members. Candidates for the county board are not required to obtain nominating petitions. In fact, they need not make known their intentions to seek office until the actual biannual meeting of school board representatives. When selected, the county board members are not subject to recall by the people and yet they hold office for a six-year term.

Perhaps the most undemocratic phase of the entire plan is the fact that one board member representing a very small district carries equal voting power with the representative of a large city. For example, one district just outside of Flint has less than 35 children in its total enrollment. Near-by Flint has more than 36,000 pupils in its public schools, and yet it has only one vote. Each of the 32 districts in Genesee County is represented by only one vote in the election of the county school board.

^{*}The Michigan Education Association has taken steps to protect Mrs. Howard's contractual equity.

The teaching profession and the public, in Michigan and elsewhere, might have a higher regard for the Genesee County school board had it frankly said: "We disagree with you, Mrs. Howard, on policies and when your contract is up we do not plan to renew it." Instead, the board handicapped and humiliated her.

There are kinder ways to close the career of a professionally trained administrator, and especially one who had devoted most of her career to serving the same district.

The summarial manner of Mrs. Howard's dismissal will bring to mind for many readers a similar situation that confronted Herman L. Shibler at Indianapolis. Fortunately for the public and for school administration, his dismissal is being investigated by the N.E.A. Defense Commission. If they did not violate the contracts, the boards at Indianapolis and at Genesee County are probably within their legal rights. However, they are also accountable at the bar of public opinion.

Mission Accomplished!

ITS mission accomplished, the National Citizens Council for Better Schools has terminated all activities. Thus a commendable movement writes a wise finis to a decade of unique service.

When this movement was organized a decade ago there was great need for it. Public interest in education was at a low ebb. Classroom and teacher shortages were serious in those days, too, but few laymen seemed to know about it, or care.

Launched originally in May 1949 as the National Citizens Commission for the Public Schools, its purposes were to arouse citizen interest and to help communities organize for school improvement. This was several years before sputnik had startled this country into a realization that we were running in second place in space science. This was eight years before Congress, alarmed by sputnik, adopted the National Defense Education Act with its great stimulus to science education.

The National Citizens Commission was doing its missionary work long before Rickover and Conant had made education front-page news. Undoubtedly, much of today's interest in public education was sparked by the vigorous and continuous program of this citizens' movement in the pre-sputnik era. Writing in this magazine a few years ago, H. M. Hamlin of the University of Illinois appropriately observed: "The Commission contributed to a reversal of trends which, if continued, might have destroyed American public education or rendered it impotent. Its greatest influence seems to have been in helping to revive a sense of responsibility to public education on the part of our citizens There would have been a vital citizens' movement without the Commission, but the Commission hastened its development, cleared information from states and communities, and helped to give order, form and meaning to the spontaneous, diverse and often misguided efforts of local and state groups of citizens."

If it has been such a great help to schools, why should this voluntary citizens' movement be discontinued? The answer is: Because it was definitely organized as a temporary aid, not as a permanent structure! It's like a booster rocket on a missile. Its purpose is to get the projectile under motion as rapidly as possible and then remove itself so as not to handicap the projectile in its total orbit. Both the Commission and the Council which succeeded it in 1956 were extralegal in form; its policy makers were appointed laymen, responsible to no one except themselves.

In the final analysis, the responsibility for public education centers in the school board and not in any extralegal group. The citizens' movement, first under the leadership of Roy E. Larsen and later under Henry Toy Jr., constantly recognized this principle. It sought to strengthen the school board and to emphasize its role. Probably one of the factors leading to the discontinuance of the National Citizens Council has been the great growth of school board organizations on state and national levels. Logically, the National Citizens Council has turned over to the National School Boards Association its printed materials for further distribution to the public and the profession.

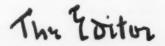
No one assumes that the need to arouse citizens to the importance of their schools is any less important now than it was 10 years ago. Nor will it be any less important 10 years from now. But the National Citizens Council or any other voluntary citizens' movement should not be the permanent crutch upon which we continue to lean. Greater responsibility now falls upon legal, professional and other more representative organizations to shoulder the assignment that is inherently theirs.

And so we say to the Citizens Commission and its successor, the Council, and to the Carnegie Foundation, which provided much of the funds: The nation and the profession express tremendous appreciation for the immeasurable achievements of your 10 year program. We also commend you for your wise decision to step out of the scene, now that your earlier efforts are bearing fruit, and other agencies, more numerous and more representative, are strong enough to do your share of the work in the vineyard.

It's for You

A S THE instructional leader of his school system, the school administrator is keenly aware of the upheaval in the teaching of the sciences. Even so, he may be surprised to discover the extraordinary scope and depth of these changes, as described in this month's magazine. Within the next 46 pages some of the best science educators in the nation report facts and ideas that the administrator needs to know.

The magazine's own editorial energies have been directed into two nationwide surveys of outstanding practices and trends. The entire study is extensively illustrated. We sincerely believe that this special issue on science education is the most concise administrative approach to the subject ever published.





A PLAN FOR Quality IN SCIENCE EDUCATION

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THOMAS PAINE once said:
These are times that try men's souls." Administrators and others having responsibility for today's school science programs may be tempted to repeat Paine's famous words. What makes these positions of leadership so trying is that from every quarter schools are being given advice, often contradictory in nature, on how the science program should be changed.

This situation stems from the fact that more people, and more different kinds of people — military leaders, business people, columnists, and "ordinary citizens," as well as scientists — have become more aware of the important role that science plays in their lives and in our national security. They expect the schools to do something to ensure that we will not have the cloud of national "scientific inferiority" hanging over us.

To most people, curriculum and school are synonymous. The public, consequently, expects the school to adjust its curriculum to enable the children to become "scientifically superior." Educators know, however,

that to change the science curriculum means to change the operation of the entire science program of the school.

The polemic question then is, what, if any, changes should be made in the science programs of schools better to meet the compelling needs of today and of the decades ahead. How can school administrators determine whether their school science programs are meeting these needs? The administrator cannot personally direct each curriculum in his school system to ensure that purposes are being met. Nor is it necessary that he do so, any more than it is necessary that he be an expert in science or science teaching to determine the adequacy of the science program. As an educational leader, however, he can put into operation the forces that will yield and put into effect adequate, effective curriculums.

To obtain the data that an administrator will need to enable him to exercise adequate leadership in science education, we suggest that he investigate his science program from four general positions:

1. Its objectives.

2. The curriculum being used to accomplish these objectives.

3. The personnel implementing the curriculum.

The budget and administrative procedures used by the personnel.

In order to obtain concrete evidence for the evaluation of the foregoing categories and, simultaneously, to develop some guidelines for future development, let us expand the four categories into questions.

I. What changes are necessary in the objectives of science education in order to align it with current developments in science and education?

Science is made up of two main parts: its processes and its products. Science educators have long insisted that understanding and some control over the processes (often called the scientific method) are more important to more people than is mere knowledge of the products (scientific facts). But the many pressures for science students to do well on various examinations and in various contests, and the manner in which most textbooks have

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been written, have forced many science teachers to emphasize the scientific products and neglect the scientific processes.

Many students taking high school science will not enter college, and most of those who do will not pursue science as a career. If the "nonscience" students are to profit maximally from their experiences in science, it will have to be from their developing facility with the scientific processes, because scientific facts are too easily forgotten. Concepts and generalizations in science are important for the general education of all. These concepts and generalizations are more easily understood, are more nearly permanent, and are of greater general education value when derived through study and use of the scientific process than when approached through rote memory.

THE OBJECTIVES of science education should emphasize the process more than the product.

CONCEPTS and generalizations have their greatest educational value when mastered through the scientific processes.

CONTESTS and examinations should be deemphasized to enable students to have more experiences with the scientific processes.

2. What grade levels should be included in the science programs of to-day's schools?

Donald G. Decker, president of the National Science Teachers Association, recently said: "Today the majority of life experiences of children and their parents involve science in some way. As a result, an increased interest in this subject has been witnessed at each level."

Dr. Decker has clearly indicated that student interest in science will not be bounded by "grade markers." The science program of today's schools, therefore, should be carried on from kindergarten through the 12th grade. The concepts that children encounter at each grade level, however, must be appropriate to that grade level and based on the concepts previously learned. This means that the science experiences of children must be continuous from their beginning to their culmination. The point at which these experiences should be culminated varies with the individual child and will be discussed later.

Dr. Decker makes these points:

Continuous experiences in science must be available for all children from kindergarten through the 12th grade.

Students at every grade level can learn some concepts in each area of science.

Science concepts studied from K-3 should allow a child to describe his environment and show him that scientific thinking bases ideas on facts.

Grades 3 to 6 science should enable children to describe and explain their environment, equip children to plan for the solution of and solve simple problems, and equip children to select pertinent information without bias.

Science in Grades 7 to 9 should allow children to describe, explain and evaluate their environment, develop problem solving skills that enable them to study independently, and understand that the scientific process enables them to analyze evidence and make generalizations.

Senior high school science should allow the student to describe, explain, evaluate and predict causes and results of activity in major areas of science, become proficient in problem solving, and base conclusion on facts.

3. What curricular changes are needed in the secondary school science program, and who should make them?

The courses taught in today's science classes should reflect the modern

developments in science and education. In the past, too much time has been devoted to discussing technological processes and products.

SCIENCE COURSES must be built around major scientific concepts so the teaching of the scientific processes can take precedence over the scientific products.

A student's laboratory experiences must be more than verifying something that he already knows or completing blanks in a laboratory manual; in most cases, he need not do the experiment to be able to fill the blanks. The experiments should guide the student to observe, collect and evaluate data and to draw conclusions based on these data. Laboratory experiences should motivate students to further investigations and should provide guidelines for future experimentation.

THE LABORATORY should be the place where the scientific process ceases to be a discussed topic and becomes a working tool.

The education of today's children would be incomplete if they were not allowed to explore both the biological and the physical sciences. A great many schools allow their students to graduate with either biology or a physical science. To produce a well rounded citizen, courses in biological science and a physical science course (which contains the elements of physics, chemistry, earth science, and space science) should be required of all graduates.

BIOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL SCIENCE beyond junior high school general science should be required for all students.

The responsibility of curriculum revision rests ultimately with the classroom teacher. He is the one who knows student needs and will implement the curriculum. The classroom teacher needs the advice and counsel of administrators, science educators,

^{*}Decker, Donald G.: Science, K-12. N.E.A. Journal, April 1959.



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and practicing scientists. Such cooperation will ensure that the curriculum is administratively feasible, teachable and current.

Recently many science programs have been developed by specialists. These programs are excellent and save the school and teachers much time, energy and financial resources. Each of these programs, however, must be evaluated by the science faculty of the school to make sure that the particular program's objectives and the objectives of the school's science program are in harmony.

EVALUATE each emerging science curriculum for your school; be open-minded, but be cautious.

4. What type of teacher is necessary to implement the science program in today's secondary schools?

The science teacher must be broadly trained in many areas of science, and deeply trained in one or more. His background must encompass all major scientific fields, and his understandings of one field must be such that it complements another. Good biology teachers should be able to integrate physics, chemistry and mathematics into their classes, and good physics and chemistry teachers must know the biological implications of their subject matter. All science teachers should have such facility with mathematics that the students begin to feel that mathematics is the language of science.

A knowledge of the history of science will also enable the teacher to teach the scientific process (and product) from a developmental and humanistic point of view. Studying the history of science will also convince students that there is much to be gained from making a mistake.

The science teacher also knows boys and girls. He understands and can apply the principles of educational psychology. Educational evaluation, methodology and an understanding of the goals and purposes of the American educational system are also "tools" at the science teacher's command.

This is the science teacher. Others who may occupy the science classroom but who have serious deficiencies in one or more of the foregoing respects might be able to teach the products of science, but the processes of science will undoubtedly suffer.

THE SUBJECT-MATTER education of the science teacher must have breadth as well as depth. The science teacher must be a competent educator.

5. How can good teachers be attracted into and held by the education profession?

Salary is the primary reason given by young former teachers when asked why they left the profession. However, there is usually more to this than just having enough income to live comfortably. Hidden within this reason is the fact that in our culture low salaries do not command prestige and respect. The position of science teaching, consequently, does not command adequate respect within the community. Many people say that the average salary of today's teachers compares favorably with other wage earners in our country. The schools are not competing in the labor market for the average wage earner; they are competing for a highly trained specialist. In the field of science many other organizations are also competing for this specialist, and the starting salaries of teachers are among the lowest of all the professions.

SCHOOLS are not competing in the labor market for the average wage earner. To attract and hold science teachers, salaries must be raised.

Young teachers want opportunities for further study. Summer school, special science institutes, and the opportunity to meet with science teachers and scientists are activities that the school can encourage and that will contribute to the holding power of the profession. Most science teachers like to "snoop" in the laboratory, and usually many of their students like to "snoop" with them. Opportunities for teachers and their students to do small-scale research is a potent influence in holding science teachers. In addition, such research experience is invaluable to the students.

PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES to teachers for further study, both formal and in their own laboratory, will contribute to the attractiveness and holding power of the science teaching profession.

6. Should school systems employ science supervisory personnel?

The science program in Grades K to 12 must be continuous. Each experience must be built on a preceding experience. Duplication and omission are two cardinal offenses often committed in the science curriculums in our schools. Duplicating subject matter from grade to grade gives the student a feeling that the areas of science are not as large as they are claimed to be. This can result in boredom, disinterest and a feeling of futility with respect to science.

Omission of certain experiences at lower levels that are needed for future experiences at higher levels can be serious. When the learner cannot logically progress from the known to the unknown, frustration levels will go up, discipline problems will result, and further learning is impaired. The school science program should be administered in such manner that the students will progress from kindergarten to the 12th grade without encountering duplication (except for review) or omissions. Such a program must be administered by a person who has demonstrated competence in science, administration and in the science classroom. This supervisor (often called a coordinator or a consultant) will provide leadership for planning science education in Grades K to 12 and will be in a position to see the scope of the entire program and not just "bits and pieces" of it as classroom teachers often do.

THE SCIENCE SUPERVISOR is an important cog in the instructional wheel. Through him the entire program is planned, coordinated and implemented, and through it he furnishes valuable inservice training.

7. Should teacher and student time and financial resources of the school be invested in science fairs, projects and the like?

If you have ever visited a science fair, perhaps you have been tempted to revise the old adage, "All that glitters is not gold," to "Just because it glitters it isn't science."

Student science projects and research activities are among the most valuable experiences a science student can have. The biggest value of the project experience, however, does not come primarily from the construction, painting, labeling and nursing of an exhibit. Rather, it comes from the study of a specific problem — the gathering of data from the project, the processing of these data, and the preparation of a truly scientific report. When scientists meet, they do not bring crates of equipment with which to demonstrate their latest research.

Great progress has been made toward organizing such meetings for high school science students. The senior and junior academies of science in some states (Minnesota and Ohio, for example) have been very active in getting such activities organized. New York State has done much in these lines through student science congresses.

This is not to say, however, that school science displays are totally without value. Fairs and exhibits, when carefully planned in harmony with sound educational objectives, can contribute to student motivation and achievement and to better public understanding of the science program.

For nine years, the National Science Teachers Association and the American Society for Metals have conducted a program that encourages student project work and the preparation of scientific reports. These reports are entered into competition with other students in their part of the country. This program, "Science Achievement Awards for Students," has increased in scope and size every year. It encourages the development of scientific processes and offers students both encouragement and recognition.

STUDENT PROJECTS and activity of the research type in science should be encouraged. In these programs the scientific process must be nurtured and developed without other learning experiences being sacrificed. Gadgetry must not be mistaken for science.

8. Can administrative adjustments be made within the school which will increase the effectiveness of the school science program?

Administrative adjustments should not be made that will throw the balance between the content areas out of adjustment in favor of science. On the other hand, many present programs contain so little science, or are of such poor quality, that they are out of balance in favor of other areas. Schools must still educate all the children of all the people, and they must also educate the whole child. Several things can be done to increase the effectiveness of science in the balanced program.

Forty-minute periods are not long enough to accomplish much in a science laboratory. When two such periods are set aside twice a week, the program is forced into the mold of having laboratory on these days. Laboratory work should come when it is needed and not when it is administratively convenient.

LABORATORY PERIODS from one hour to 70 or 80 minutes long are necessary daily if the senior high science laboratory is to function properly.

Maintaining a supply and equipment room is an exacting and time consuming task. If supplies and equipment are not maintained, the effectiveness of the science program is seriously damaged. Getting a science laboratory ready for use takes time.

THE QUALITY of the science program and of instruction can be greatly aided if the science instructor is given time to prepare for and maintain the science facilities. Periodicals, reference books, and textbooks are an important part of any science department. Something as simple as providing a few bookshelves in the classroom so that reference materials are available when needed can be a very important contribution in increasing effectiveness.

The last administrative recommendation costs a nominal amount of money. Part of this money would be spent for increasing the number and quality of reference works kept on the classroom reference shelf. The remainder of these funds should be made available to the teacher to employ his better and/or most interested students to work as laboratory assistants under his strict supervision. Employing students can be a valuable educational experience for them.

A full-time laboratory assistant (not a student) should be available for each two or three regular classroom teachers in the department.

PROVIDE FULL-TIME LABO-RATORY ASSISTANCE for each two or three teachers if possible. If not, assign no more than five classes or two different preparations daily for any teacher and allow one completely free period per day. Or, give no more than four classes or assignments and two "free" periods daily for teachers with three or more fields in which to make preparation. A small amount of money spent on student and/or full-time laboratory assistance saves the teacher much time and energy and may save a teacher for the profession.

Where to From Here?

From philosophy to the administrative decision that puts a plan into action is an enormous area. In it there are many more than the eight topics discussed here that administrators, supervisors and science teachers must consider in making decisions about the K-12 science program necessary in today's schools. These eight topics are merely intended as guidelines to the type of decisions that must be made by the persons responsible.

As a final guideline, think big, think boldly, think ubiquitously, and act accordingly. In the future as we look back on this era of experimentation in science education, the competent educator will need to regret only those educational experiments which he did not himself try.



BIOLOGY STUDENTS collect sea anemones, chitons, mussels and other forms of marine life as part of their assignment at a National Science Foundation's summer institute. Here the students are collecting forms found in the intertidal zone on the coquina rock exposed at low tide at Marineland, Florida.

With institutes, fellowships, inservice training, and research,

National Science Foundation Upgrades Teaching of Science

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SCIENCE — like its handmaiden, technology — has become the hallmark of our era. It has become an essential foundation stone of our whole way of life. Both the internal economy of our nation and its position in the community of nations seem to be inextricably linked with the progress of science and its applications.

Viewed in this way, it is clear that science, including mathematics and engineering, is not the exclusive domain of the professional scientist. The progress and understanding of science, what it really is, how it came to be, its significance to our welfare in the broadest sense, the totality of its impact — all these should be the common knowledge and property of all citizens.

Since science is an intellectual system, its association with the educational community is fundamental.

Further, this relationship must not be limited to certain educational levels. Science and its import as well as its uses must necessarily be woven into the fabric of the entire educational process — in the proper ways and in proper degrees. The relationship of science to history, philosophy, social welfare, and the arts needs to be emphasized rather than ignored.

Foundation does not determine educational policy. Thus, when the National Science Foundation was created by an act of Congress in 1950, it was charged with a responsibility "to develop and encourage the pursuit of a national policy for the promotion of basic research and education in the sciences." It should be noted that the Foundation is neither directed nor authorized to determine educational policy, nor even to specify the federal

THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, an agency of the federal government, was created by Congress in 1950 to advance the progress of science. Its primary functions are supporting basic research, training and education in the sciences, and disseminating scientific information. The N.S.F. also studies scientific manpower supply and demand, and makes surveys of the national scientific research and development effort. The Foundation is governed by a 24 member National Science Board. Chairman is Detlev W. Bronk and director is Alan T. Waterman. Headquarters in Washington, D.C., are in the building formerly occupied by the Atomic Energy Commission (see photograph at right). In 1959, the Foundation awarded 3937 fellowships and sponsored 542 teacher institutes. It awarded 1809 grants totaling \$65 million for basic research in science, and for the construction and maintenance of research facilities such as the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Green Bank, W. Va., the Kitt Peak National Observatory in Arizona, an oceanographic vessel, controlled environment biological laboratories, and nuclear reactors. The N.S.F. administers the U.S. Antarctic Research Program and is responsible for a program of research in weather modification.

policy concerning education in the sciences. Rather, the Foundation is, in effect, directed to lend assistance in identifying educational policy. Hence, the Foundation, a federal agency, serves all the people of the nation by serving in unique ways the scientific and educational community. It continually seeks appropriate means of bringing federal resources to bear on the task of helping that community better identify its policies, define its problems, and work toward solutions.

To do this, the Foundation must remain ever alert to the opinions of the scientific and educational community. So long as it is sensitive to informed opinion, it remains a sounding board with an ever-evolving function; it is a part of the educational scene and becomes, as it should, a working instrument of the educational system.

The Foundation has utilized a number of devices to make sure that it acts in full accord with those directly responsible for education in the sciences - scientists, teachers and educational administrators. Among these devices are: (1) clearing all policy matters pertaining to support of education in the sciences with the National Science Board (a governing board composed of 24 eminent scientists and educators); (2) seeking advice of advisory committees (some permanent and some temporary) on each facet of the various programs, and (3) seeking highly specific advice from competent scientists and science teachers on which of the many requests received

for support are the most promising and meritorious.

From this kind of valued consultation, several principles for action have emerged. Stated most simply these are: There is no substitute for excellence, and the Foundation must be concerned with the teaching of science at all levels; there is no simple, grand solution to the problems in science education — hence, a number of approaches are needed; finally, many individuals, groups and organizations are working toward the improvement of education, and the Foundation's programs must supplement, not compete with, their activities.

Activities are designed to improve education. Under the continual guidance of the scientific and educational community, the Foundation has developed a number of activities designed to improve education in the sciences. These activities are focused on the following basic areas: (1) the supplemental training of teachers of science, engineering and mathematics at all levels of the educational system, (2) improvement of the subject matter of science instruction, (3) identification and motivation of high-caliber students, and (4) financial support for further training for graduate students and advanced scholars. Discussion of the first three of these areas and the programmatic approaches may be of

The supplemental training of teachers in the subject matter of science

and mathematics has been supported by the Foundation through three mechanisms: (1) institutes, which in 1960-61 will assist 30,000 teachers; (2) individual summer fellowships, and (3) research participation in scientific laboratories, the latter two having fewer participants than the institute programs.

INSTITUTES. Institute programs, in turn, are of three main types: summer institutes, which offer opportunities for full-time study in the summer; academic year institutes, which offer opportunities for full-time study for an entire school year and, in many cases, include a related summer program, and inservice institutes, which offer one or two courses to the teacher on Saturdays or during after-school hours. The courses of study available in each type of institute are especially designed to meet a teacher's needs. Total support for these programs during 1960-61 is about \$32.5 million.

The Foundation firmly believes that the nature of an individual institute should be determined by the college or university conducting it, with the Foundation assisting financially. The colleges and universities determine the type and level of institute suited to the kind of teacher (elementary, secondary, junior college or college) whom the college or university elects to serve. Some institutes present specialized new topics to teachers already equipped with advanced, up-to-date knowledge of the field; many others



treat the material of science and mathematics in special courses designed for experienced teachers whose knowledge of the subject matter is out of date.

A typical institute includes 30 or more teachers working closely with a staff of college or university professors in the study of biology, chemistry, physics, earth sciences, mathematics or some combination of these fields. Ample opportunity, both in class and out of class, is provided for informal contact among teachers and staff. Such intimate contact is also beneficial to the college faculty members, for it increases their knowledge of the problems of science and mathematics teaching at the secondary school level.

The institute's programs are publicized in a general way by national releases prepared by the Foundation. The detailed and specific information is prepared and circulated by each local institute staff. During the summer of 1960 there will be 376 summer institutes, supported by the National Science Foundation, to provide training for about 17,000 high school teachers and 500 elementary school teachers, as well as approximately 2200 college teachers, in virtually all science and mathematics subjects, for periods ranging from four to 12 weeks. Approximately 11 per cent of the secondary school teachers of science and mathematics will have an opportunity to study at a summer institute.

The teacher interested in attending a summer institute applies directly to

the university or college sponsoring the institute; the selection of participants is a responsibility of the local staff. If accepted, the participant may receive financial assistance including a stipend and dependency, travel and (in certain cases) book allowances. No tuition or fees are charged to the stipend holder. The availability of credits toward an advanced degree is variable according to the particular institute attended.

Teachers' interest in and acceptance of the institutes is indicated by the fact that for the summer of 1959 some 100,000 applications (representing applications for several programs) were received for approximately 17,000 placements. Some institutes received as many as 10 applications for each available opening.

Fund provides another year at college for 1500 teachers. During 1960-61 the Foundation will support 33 academic year institutes, collectively providing an opportunity for about 1500 high school teachers of science and mathematics (as well as about 45 college "teachers of teachers") to return to college for a year's full-time study. Many of these teachers will earn master's degrees during the year, and all will be prepared for more effective teaching performance in the classroom.

Experience indicates that nearly all of these teachers will return to the classroom, although some may change schools, and still others may return to

more responsible positions in their own school systems. Successful applicants receive a tax-free stipend and allowances averaging \$4300 for the academic year. Because their school systems benefit substantially from the teacher training, many local boards of education assist their teachers during this year of sabbatical study by augmenting the stipends provided. Others are able to assist financially those who are unable to obtain support from other sources. The academic year institutes program currently provides instruction for about 1 per cent of the nation's secondary school teachers of science and mathematics at a cost of approximately \$9.2 million.

Program supports 200 inservice institutes. The Foundation will support about 200 inservice institutes at a cost of \$2.2 million during 1960-61. This program is designed primarily to allow secondary school teachers of science and mathematics to take courses during their "off-duty" hours at institutions of higher learning located within commuting distance. These institutes will provide instruction to about 10,000 teachers, or 6 per cent of those eligible. A few experimental institutes of the inservice type will be conducted for elementary teachers and supervisors.

Financial support for assisting with the expenses for commuting and books is available, and the participants are not charged for tuition or instructional fees. As in all institute programs, each





TRAVELING science library lent by the National Science Foundation under a rotating plan provides elementary pupils with books on science and mathematics. The books are carefully selected by teachers and scientists, and are lent to elementary schools that do not have an adequate library for pupil use.

traveling science teacher arrives at a school to give a science lecture-demonstration. These lectures, supported by the N.S.F., provide opportunities for secondary school students and teachers to witness programs in physics, chemistry, biology and mathematics.

The lecturer is a specially trained high school teacher.

institution receives a grant covering the operational costs of the institute.

The institute mechanism is an approach to education which assures that what is taught and how it is taught are the responsibilities of the academic community, a device to recognize and support one of the basic elements of the strength of the American educational system. In addition to providing needed retraining for teachers and laymen, the institutes help to assure that the various levels of the academic community understand one another and work together, so that the entire structure of American education is strengthened.

The specific results of institute experience for the individual teacher and the students with whom he will work in the future are varied and difficult to assess. There have been many reports of the high level of interest and motivation displayed by participants, both during and after attending the institutes. Their genuine drive and enthusiasm strongly indicate that the institutes are very effective. The teachers also comment that, for the first time, many colleges and universities are providing courses in science and mathematics that are directly related to the conditions and problems of teaching at the precollege level. Seemingly a new tradition is being established with respect to the refresher training of teachers.

In the past few years the public and the educational community itself have indicated a high degree of acceptance of institute programs. The summer program was initiated in 1953 with two institutes and has been increased to 376 institutes for the summer of 1960. To date, some 50,-000 stipends for teachers have been provided. The academic year institutes began in 1956-57 at two universities, and in 1960-61 this program will encompass 33 institutes, with approximately 5000 teachers benefiting by participation. The inservice institutes began in 1956-57 at two universities, and in 1960-61 will include more than 200 separate programs. By the end of the 1960-61 school year, almost 22,000 teachers will have been provided subject-matter courses.

To improve the level of teacher competence is a constant process. Three programs are in operation

Maintaining and improving the level of competence of the total corps of teachers is a constant process. Even well trained teachers cannot keep up with the rapid progress of science without periodic "refresher courses," and unless teachers know their subject matter, their effectiveness as teachers inevitably suffers. Consequently, there will be continuing need for study programs of the type now being offered through the institutes.

In addition to the institutes program, two newer programs that provide advanced training opportunities for teachers are now in operation. These are the summer fellowships for secondary school teachers and the program of research participation for teacher training. Each of these programs permits a number of teachers to spend summers participating in advanced scientific activity comparable to that pursued by graduate students preparing for careers as scientists and mathematicians.

SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS. The program of summer fellowships for secondary school teachers provides awards on a nationally competitive basis. The teacher-fellows may spend from one to three summers at an institution of their choice, studying subject matter in science or mathematics at the graduate level.

Applications for these awards are evaluated by special panels composed of academic scientists, and several hundred teacher-scholars are offered awards annually. After having been selected on a highly competitive basis, fellows are provided support comparable to that offered in summer institutes, but each fellow has the opportunity to undertake intensive training in the sciences in individually chosen programs of study. It is estimated that the cost of this program for 1960-61 will be \$1.3 million.

RESEARCH PARTICIPATION. Research participation for teacher training is a summer program that enables secondary school (and college) teachers to participate in research work with experienced college and university research scientists and mathematicians. Thus, teachers well informed in sub-

ject matter are actively engaged in their scientific specialties during the summer months. Such research activity enables these science teachers to broaden their scientific experiences, with resulting benefits to their instructing and guidance activities. The program for the summer of 1960 will provide support for about 550 participants at a total cost of \$1 million. Stipends and allowances are provided as in the summer institutes programs and no tuition or fees are charged the participants.

In addition, the Foundation encourages education in the sciences by supporting university sponsored special conferences and subject-matter workshops, as well as many experimental special projects designed by universities and colleges for the improvement of teacher training in mathematics and the sciences.

Improved course content reflects contemporary knowledge. It is evident that antiquated curriculums have no place in today's schools. Consequently, the course content improvement programs supported by the National Science Foundation represent promising efforts to design and develop curriculums and courses that reflect contemporary knowledge and points of view. Such programs, initiated and led by distinguished scientists, involve expert opinions from appropriate segments of the scientific and educational community, and are sponsored by colleges, universities and, occasionally, other appropriate organizations.

National in scope and applicability, the projects range from smallscale experiments to extensive projects. A given study may consider a single course or may span several courses, several disciplines, or more than one educational level. The Foundation's support is limited to the design and development of new course content and teaching aids, including suitable testing. Foundation funds are not used to promote the acceptance of any curriculum, course or instructional materials; once in being, these must gain acceptance on their intrinsic merits.

The improvement program of course content was initiated several years ago on a modest basis, with support granted for various experimental undertakings. Among these were conferences on high school physics and chemistry, a committee study of biological education at all levels, and development of a sourcebook of experiments and field studies for secondary school biology by a team of university biologists and high school teachers. Success in these ventures encouraged substantial expansion of the program.

Major support thus far has been directed toward high school courses. At this level the need was acute, and outstanding scientists undertook to neet it.

Four-year study of physical sciences nears completion. Of the major projects, the new approach to physics for high schools represents the first and best known. The Physical Sciences Study Committee has made possible the conduct of a cooperative study by a large group of leading research physicists, high school teachers, science writers, apparatus makers, film producers, and other qualified persons. Their knowledge, experience and talents are contributing to the development of a textbook, laboratory guide, and new apparatus, films to supplement classroom teaching, a teacher's guide, examinations, and a series of inexpensive books for supplementary reading.

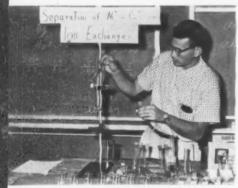
After several revisions based on extensive school trials, the material will become generally available in the fall of 1960. This four-year effort may have a far-reaching impact upon the teaching of physics, and it has already encouraged scholars in other disciplines to initiate comparable efforts.

Study groups conduct program for improving teaching of mathematics. In 1958 the School Mathematics Study Group was organized to carry out an extensive program for the improvement of mathematics teaching in elementary and secondary schools. Many of the country's most eminent mathematicians and accomplished

teachers in private and public schools are now engaged in this endeavor. Writing teams have produced prelimitary versions of "sample" textbooks and commentaries for teachers of Grades 7 through 12.

After a revision based on trial in some 400 classrooms, the sample materials will be made generally available for a limited number of years as sources for authors developing new textbooks, as aids in teacher education, and for interim use in schools. This study group is also preparing supplementary books on special topics and developing background materials for teachers.

Two groups seek improvement of chemistry courses. As a Foundation supported chemistry project, the Chemical Bond Approach Project represents the efforts of a group of college and university chemists and high school teachers in devising a high school chemistry course that uses the concept of chemical bonding as the central theme. Preliminary versions of text and laboratory materials prepared by this group are now being tested in classrooms.



ION exchange separation of cobalt and nickel ions is demonstrated by Ronald H. Engebrecht, a student at the Academic Year Institute of the University of Michigan.

Teams develop new courses in biology. Development of new high school courses in biology has been undertaken by the Biological Sciences Curriculum Study. This, too, is a cooperative effort. Some teams are developing basic content; others, laboratory studies designed to give realistic experience in investigation; others, special reviews for teachers; still others, programs for the gifted.

Geologists prepare instructional aids for earth sciences. For the earth sciences, geologists and teachers have developed source books of units for students, background materials for teachers, laboratory and field studies, and other educational aids. Designed for use in elementary and secondary school science courses, the books will be issued by the end of 1960.

A separate but related effort has been the development of a report on general guidelines to assist schools in changing their curriculums. This report concerning Grades 7 through 12 will complement an earlier report on elementary school science, distributed to many school administrators.

The Foundation is now giving increased attention to mathematics and science for elementary and junior high schools. Several curriculum groups are developing content for these levels, and other exploratory projects are in progress. In California, scientists representing a number of fields are working with teachers in selected school systems to define important content and develop materials for teachers and pupils of Grades 1 through 6. Others are experimenting with the introduction of topics from geometry and other scientific areas in the first six grades.

Program recognizes importance of A-V aids and laboratory equipment. It is recognized that films, television and new types of laboratory equipment have tremendous potentialities for improving the effectiveness of science and mathematics teaching. The Foundation supports some efforts in this connection. Also, the improvement of college curriculums is supported. Grants have been made for studies in physics, chemistry, anthropology, psychology, civil and chemical engineering, and other fields at the college level. These projects will have definite implications for the schools, as they are related to improved courses in elementary and secondary schools and as they affect teacher education.

The Foundation's programs that directly support science education for the student have as their objectives the development and maintenance of a reservoir of scientific manpower adequate to the nation's needs. If these objectives are to be met, it is essential that all elementary and secondary

school students be properly trained in science, guided toward a meaningful understanding of science, and made aware of the opportunities and rewards of careers in science and technology. Further, it is necessary that the unusually able secondary school students who are especially interested in science be encouraged to advance in their science education as rapidly and as far as their intellectual capacities permit. The programs for secondary school students are designed to achieve these purposes.

It has been recognized that the science-motivated secondary school student can further his education through extracurricular as well as curricular activities. Various programs conducted under N.S.F. support are directed toward increasing this kind of opportunity.

Summer science training is offered academically talented. The largest of the programs for academically talented high school students is one that provides for summer science training. Under this program, grants made to colleges, universities and research institutions permit them to offer special science education programs in their classrooms and laboratories during the summer. Initiated on a national basis during the summer of 1959, this program was represented by 116 institutions offering training in which about 6200 students participated during the first year. Clearly the number of students served by these programs was only a small fraction of those students equipped to profit by them. For the nation as a whole, one out of every four applicants was accepted, after being subjected to careful screening. One Eastern university received a total of 1648 applications for only 50 open-

A wide range of educational experiences was provided among the 116 summer science training programs. Included were advanced science courses, participation in research, special field trips, visits to scientific laboratories, and special orientation lectures. In addition to the college and university faculty members and research workers involved, about 360 secondary school teachers were included on the staffs conducting these programs. This activity will be continued during the summer of 1960 at about the same level as during the summer of 1959.

Several student science organizations are supported. As a part of its effort to encourage extracurricular science education, the Foundation also supports the national activities of several student science organizations. Since 1952 the Foundation has been providing limited support to Science Clubs of America, administered by Science Service, Inc., a nonprofit organization with other sources of income. Among the many activities of Science Service, Inc. carried out (in part) with Foundation support have been the National Science Fair and the preparation of books and pamphlets for the guidance of students in the development of science projects.

Another organization whose national student science work is being supported in part by the Foundation is the Junior Engineering Technical Society. Through grants made to a number of state and local academies of science, stimulating extracurricular science activities have been provided by junior academies of science.

In addition to supporting extracurricular science student programs, the Foundation has supported a number of undertakings designed to aid high schools in achieving their objectives in science education. Programs that provide for cooperation between a college or university and several local school systems in the development of advanced placement courses in science and mathematics for intellectually gifted students are being fostered in several areas of the country.

The American public school system has set a standard for the whole world in mass education. In achieving its goals in this area, the American secondary school has not always been able to meet the special needs of the intellectually gifted. Since this is the group from which our most creative scientists are likely to emerge, the National Science Foundation is deeply interested in assisting colleges and universities in the development of programs which meet the needs of such students.

Career guidance receives grants. School counselors face the difficult task of acquainting the students under their guidance with the many career opportunities available today. To assure that these counselors — and science teachers — are supplied with adequate information on careers in sci-

ence, mathematics and technology, the Foundation makes grants to professional scientific and engineering societies for the preparation of career guidance materials in the various scientific and technological disciplines. Career information booklets have been prepared by leading scientists, mathematicians and engineers under sponsorship of professional societies. Foundation-sponsored projects for the secondary school student is the Traveling Science Library. The primary objective of this project is to stimulate the interest of high school students in science and mathematics through making available to schools, on a loan basis, a carefully selected library of general interest books covering a broad spectrum of science fields. This

The National Science Foundation sends outstanding scientists to visit secondary schools. Its traveling libraries serve both elementary and secondary schools.

Scientists visit secondary schools. As a means of fostering direct communication between the scientific community and the high school student, a national program of visiting scientists has been developed in cooperation with the professional scientific and technological societies. This program provides for the visits of outstanding scientists to secondary schools for the purpose of acquainting students and faculty with the sciences as vital activities and providing counsel concerning careers and science education.

During the academic year 1958-59 a total of 165 scientists visited 550 high schools, speaking before an estimated total audience of 180,000. Under the present academic year program a total of about 300 scientists will visit approximately 1200 high schools, speaking before an estimated audience of 400,000. In addition to this visiting scientists program conducted by the national professional societies, more than 2000 visits of scientists to high schools will be made under the auspices of the Foundation's State Academies of Science Program.

Traveling libraries serve both elementary and secondary schools. One of the most rewarding of the many project has been conducted by the American Association for the Advancement of Science since 1955 under funds provided by the Foundation. During 1958-59 a total of 375 sets of 200 books each were circulated to 1309 high schools and preparatory schools. This project is being continued during the present academic year. In addition, for the first time, a traveling science library for elementary school use is being developed this year.

An auxiliary service of this project is the publication of the following book lists: (1) the Traveling High School Science Library, an annotated bibliography of the 200 titles currently in use in this library; (2) an Inexpensive Science Library, a list of paperboard science and mathematics books, and (3) the A.A.A.S. Science Book List, containing over a thousand annotated titles.

Mindful of the fact that the improvement of education in the sciences must come from within the scientific and educational community, the Foundation consistently supports proposals and projects that have been developed within this community. The initial results of these efforts are most encouraging — but only posterity can render a final judgment.

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE

LITERALLY hundreds of experts have participated in the preparation of this comprehensive administration study on science education (pp. 65 through 110).

ONE PHASE of this administration study is a special survey of outstanding practices and trends in the teaching of science in both secondary and elementary schools. This dual survey was made possible by the many administrators and teachers who provided the wealth of data from which the two summaries (p. 77 and p. 91) have been prepared. (See list below.)

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PAIRS of physics students do an experiment on Archimedes' principle at Beaumont High School in St. Louis. The weight of an object in water is compared with its weight in air. Students thus learn basic physical principles and gain practice in setting up equipment and using measuring devices.



SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

in 57 districts and 38 states report outstanding practices and significant trends in the teaching of the sciences

A NATION'S SCHOOLS SURVEY

Compiled by Leo E. Buehring

What changes have taken place in the senior high school science curriculum in the last five years?

The changes are mostly in subject emphasis rather than in the development of new courses. The theoretical approach to subject matter is being stressed, as opposed to applied science exercises. Better guidance facilities are being made available.

Words and phrases that not too many years ago were foreign to public high school science courses are being used today with increasing frequency. Some of these are: nucleonics, radioactive isotopes, reactors and nuclear energy, molecular and atomic structure, ionization and ionic equations, and the quantum theory. Aerospace science is receiving much attention, including the kinetic theory and principles of physics associated with flight. Air-powered jets, rockets and satellites are subjects of exploration,

as are the principles and operation of electronic space instruments.

In the biology curriculum attention is given to biochemistry, radiation biology, and microbiology. Students are introduced to the use and limitations of wonder drugs and some background is developed in blood typing and genetics. Instruction with reference to atomic fallout is given.

Chemistry studies are more closely related to the human body and its processes, including a study of cell structure. An effort is made to blend basic understanding of principles with applications.

In physics there is a deeper probing into electronics and emphasis on theory and Newton's laws of motion.

Other subjects mentioned include: sex education, mental hygiene, alcohol and narcotics education, developments behind expanding populations. More attention is being given to astronomy. The history of science and the lives of scientists are being reviewed.

What science topics have you deleted, minimized or reorganized in the last five years?

Respondents indicate that today there is *less* emphasis in high schools on historical science and on such purely practical items as how to make soap or how to build a radio.

General science courses of the survey type are being offered less frequently, in the freshman year the beginning course often being biology. In the upper grades there is increasing emphasis on the physical sciences.

In biology, rote learning has been replaced by the study of relationships between major principles. In physics, certain phases of mechanics, heat, metals, weather and conservation have been deleted on the assumption that these were treated adequately in junior high school. Such simple applications of science as the steam engine have been relegated from physics courses to lower grade general science.

Other subjects eliminated are: the mechanics of automobiles and television sets, and purely descriptive phases of chemistry and biology. Formal notebooks and workbooks are fewer. In areas in which practical applications of textiles and agriculture formerly were stressed, these are being minimized, as also are health topics, botany, zoology, learning classifications, and organizational schemes.

Have some of your science courses been reorganized, or subjects fused or integrated?

In one school in **San Francisco** class discussion sections using English and biology combinations have been developed. Commonly, science and mathematics have been more closely related, particularly in the advanced courses.

Experiments are being conducted in teaching larger groups, usually with the aid of educational television and other audio-visual materials. The most common sequence appears to be biology, chemistry and physics, often beginning with the ninth grade and leaving the 12th grade for advanced work.

A step in the direction of giving all science courses a laboratory approach is evident. In **St. Louis**, an experimental program which integrates mathematics and physical sciences at the ninth grade is based on teacher planning sessions with a professor at Washington University. New curriculum guides have been prepared.

Have you lengthened your science class periods or introduced a longer school day?

It is evident from the survey that high school people want more time for science classes, especially since an appreciable portion of the class period is needed for the setting up and taking down of science equipment, but no general solution of this problem has been offered. One school has lengthened its physics classes to 75 minutes daily, but most science classes seem to conform to a pattern of less than 60 minutes.

Some schools have introduced a seventh period, frequently for laboratory work, as at Mesa, Ariz., but in most instances this additional attendance is optional. Some per-

mit students to devote their homeroom or other study periods to laboratory work. Experimental programs with longer periods are being conducted with the cooperation of local institutions of high learning, as in San Marcos, Calif., in cooperation with Stanford University. Others have introduced double period laboratory work.

In St. Louis two 90 minute periods a week are devoted to laboratory work in chemistry, physics, biology and physiography, and three 45 minute periods to lectures, discussion, films, slides and feature demonstrations.

Do you provide additional learning opportunities for high school students with special talents in science, such as: science clubs, Saturday classes, evening classes, and special trips?

Almost every school system sampled reports having science clubs in operation, ranging from biology and chemistry to radio and photography. Special field trips are a regular part of the science programs of most schools. Evening classes are the exception, and Saturday classes are relatively few in number except for those offered at local colleges or universities. Some systems provide additional opportunity for the talented in science during the summer months. Lake Charles, La., has introduced a 10th month for a selected group of learners.

Science Clubs. These usually meet after school, although in one system 45 minutes is allowed for this during the noon hour and in another school students meet voluntarily one hour before classes, one day a week for "experience sessions." Club sponsors ordinarily are teachers, usually serving without additional pay. The work is done as an extracurricular activity, usually with no cost to the student, although some clubs have nominal dues to cover field trips and film rental expenses. Funds to cover the cost of speakers and materials are raised in some localities by various outside projects. Many speakers meet with clubs without expecting compensation. In one community a weekly seminar headed by scientists from local industry was tried for a year but was replaced by seminar discussions led by students, meeting three periods a week. Occasionally science people from the community are invited to visit and discuss matters with the group.

Field Trips. Special trips are conducted both on school time and after school hours and on Saturdays by teachers and/or local sponsors. Places visited vary widely, ranging from the local creamery and utility to the observatory in a near-by community. Local or near-by museums and the research departments of colleges and industry are common destinations.

In Mesa, Ariz., a traveling science institute serves the schools at no cost to the district, utilizing the existing personnel and facilities. Others points visited by science classes include a local microwave outlet, refineries, smelters, mines, and botanical and zoological gardens. Also, there are collection trips for geology and botanical specimens. Groups often are made up of students from the various high schools who have shown outstanding ability and interest. In the case of longer trips the student may be asked to pay his own transportation expenses, but some schools set aside a small budget for this purpose.

Improved results in some of the communities are obtained by arranging meetings well ahead of the trips for preliminary discussions and orientation.

Saturday Classes. Apparently because of the transportation problems involved, Saturday sessions do not seem to be a common method of providing additional learning opportunities for high school students gifted in science. Local universities in some areas provide special courses (some with advance placement credit) as do various private organizations, such as botanical societies and the National Academy of Sciences in Washington D.C. Some talented students work closely with professors of local colleges and universities on individual science projects.

Evening Classes. Some experimentation has been done with evening meetings at instructors' homes to which a limited number of students are invited to engage in informal discussions. The results are impressive. In some instances scientists from local industry guide students in original research projects conducted in industrial laboratories. One system offers a TV series in radio biology during out-of-school hours with teachers reviewing work sent in on a study plan basis. San Francisco's Lux Laboratory at Galileo High School is a prime example of an after-school program.

Summer Classes. Summer sessions for the gifted high school student cover meteorology, geology, atomic physics, astronomy and radiation biology. For these courses, as for the limited number of Saturday courses reported, a charge usually is made and teachers are paid for their work. In one school a creative science course permits students to work on their own projects at a nominal cost of \$12 a student. Some students also are taking advantage of the science career program of the National Academy of Sciences, which enables students to do research work under the individual sponsorship of prominent scientists in industry and in universities.

Other schools offer enrichment work within the framework of the regular school schedule.

As a general policy, do you favor the laboratory approach in the teaching of chemistry, physics and biology, as compared to a more generalized type of instruction in which films, slides and teacher demonstrations are utilized?

Only one respondent cast an outright "no" in answering this question. All others declared themselves as favoring a laboratory approach, although many emphasized that this did not mean that either method should be mutually exclusive.

Designating this inquiry as "a loaded question," one respondent voiced a common agreement: There is no "one best way to teach science. All of these approaches must be tried."

Other respondents endorsed this point of view as follows: "We use all approaches. Different people have different strengths." . . . "All avenues must be used. Some activities are presented best by demonstrations. We hope the audiovisual aid will induce the student to follow through with some activity on his own." . . . "Favor a balanced combina-

tion of the two methods."..."It is our philosophy that the lecture demonstration is essential, but a laboratory experience makes the principle being discussed lasting. It is a wonderful means of motivation for learning."... "We need both approaches, but certainly more laboratory science generally. Pupils learn the 'experimental methods' of science best through laboratory exercises."

There were also these evaluations: Students need kinesthetic appeal as well as audio and visual."... "We use films if they can do the job better, but part of the school day must be used for active pupil participation."... "Usually films and slides are subject centered, rather than behavior centered, making the student take the role of passive recipient of facts rather than an active learner whose behavior, technics and thinking are changed. Good teacher demonstrations, however, are conducive to developing the kind of growth we desire."

While science supervisors expressed themselves in favor of a balanced combination of the laboratory and demonstration methods, their replies do not necessarily indicate that either method alone or in combination is being followed presently to their satisfaction because of limitations of space, time and finances. Rather the comments indicate goals toward which these high school science educa-

IDENTIFYING MUSHROOMS is the assignment for this biology class at Lewis and Clark High School, Spokane.



tors are striving. One said: "Cost limits the laboratory approach, class size and teachers also affected by cost."

In the utilization of closed-circuit television in the teaching of science, three interesting developments are reported by Evanston Township High School in Evanston, Ill.:

1. Magnification of Dissection: Teacher, camera and receivers are all in the laboratory with the students. The teacher operates the camera while students watch a frog dissection blown up to 21 inches on their receivers.

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2. Microscope Study: The camera is attached directly to the microscope to enable the teacher to show students in 21 inch pictures what they ought to be seeing in their own microscopes. This has been most effective for teaching beginners how to adjust the microscope correctly.

3. Team Teaching: One instructor presents a demonstration via television to two laboratories, thus freeing the other teacher to circulate among the laboratory stations to

assist individual students.

Seattle public schools work in several areas of television

programing.

The general viewing public is acquainted with school problems by being shown classes in progress. School programs are correlated with classroom activity as part of the regular school day. Teacher education programs provide special training, with some carrying professional credit. Administrative programs are planned to be of general interest to the professional staff of the entire school system.

When a specialist in any phase of curriculum is visiting the school, kinescopes are made for use at future times, either in professional class or directly by the department head involved. In all of these programs science education

receives its share of attention.

Does your high school conduct science fairs? What are the advantages or disadvantages?

With negligible exceptions, the reporting districts conduct science fairs in at least some of their schools, or participate in regional and other science fair projects. In some instances, the community fairs serve as screening devices for regional science exhibitions.

Just about every respondent has something favorable to say regarding science fairs, although most are aware of the

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SCIENCE FAIR display is the center of interest for these students in Omaha. The purpose of the fair is to tell "the science story" and to interpret the K-12 science program.

difficulties and shortcomings inherent in this type of program. Among the *advantages* listed are the following:

Science fairs are incentive devices, creating interest in science courses for both student and public. They can provide excellent motivation for out-of-class study and more intensive and extensive participation in creative work. Younger students see the exhibits and become interested

in enrolling in science courses.

Gifted students are stimulated by science fairs to apply scientific principles and to use scientific methods, as well as to utilize the resources of the community. Competition with others academically is thought to give stature to academic ability. Opportunity for student experimentation is provided, along with a chance to explore special interests, and to express individual ideas and differences. For those qualified, an opportunity is provided to do independent research and original work, and to make contact with professionals in the field. For the school an opportunity is provided to tell the story of the school's K-12 science program and to create a broader interest on the part of citizens.

Among the disadvantages of science fairs (listed in most instances by the same persons who stated the advantages)

are the following:

Dishonesty can be encouraged; too many projects are done by parents or with too much help by other persons, with the student receiving credit for work he did not do. The number of entrants has become too large and projects are poor and repetitious; copy projects defeat the objectives of a science fair.

Some believe that too much emphasis is placed on the mechanics of preparing an exhibit rather than on true scientific value. The display is likely to be artistic rather than scientific and to lean toward kits rather than original-

ity and learning experiences.

Exhibits cost money, and students from low income groups cannot compete fairly with students from higher income brackets. Too often fair participation is a novelty that soon wears off; interest stimulated is not sustained until the next fair. Spur-of-the-moment activities may follow cookbook type instruction, which has little scientific value. On the other extreme is the student who attempts a project that lies outside and above his scientific background.

Perhaps the most frequently mentioned danger, even by those who plan to continue their science fairs, is that the students spend too much time on "projects," and too little time on homework. Also, a tremendous amount of time is added to the teachers' load after school hours, with the event becoming the public relations focal point for the instructional program in general, thus losing its true purpose. Because of the time required, other basic activities may suffer, and the fair may interfere with regular class work. Too much class time taken up with projects lowers the level of class work. Some find the work of scoring, judging and the competitive situation of real concern.

What other changes have you made in organization of courses?

Ability grouping in high school science courses seems to be increasing, and this automatically has led to some course changes. Independent Community School District in Des Moines, Iowa, has special groupings for the less able as well as for the talented. Several schools are preparing for advance placement courses in biology, physics, chemistry, and some schools, Akron, Ohio, for example, have such programs under way, with at least one system using a freshman college text in this connection. Science fairs are mentioned by various school systems as outlets for additional learning opportunities for students with special talents in science. At Sioux Falls, S.D., science research classes have been added.

Do you differentiate in science courses offered students who are not going to college as compared with those who are preparing for college?

About 30 per cent of the sampling indicates no administrative differentiation made in science courses, although some of the replies are qualified. Those districts reporting differentiation most frequently appear to be doing so within the framework of regular classes, rather than in classes labeled specifically as college preparatory.

Differentiation in science courses as between the college bound and students not aspiring to further study would

appear to take four basic forms:

 Curriculum Content. Courses are set up specifically for those not intending to pursue their education after graduation from high school, including special courses for the slow learner.

2. Counseling. Students known not to be qualified for courses in chemistry and physics are advised not to enroll; gifted students qualified to take the more difficult work are not permitted to register for "easy" classes. On the basis of advice received, students tend to eliminate themselves from courses with requirements beyond or below their abilities, and tend to group themselves within such courses as they do take.

3. Prerequisites. Enrollment requirements automatically tend to eliminate nonqualified and inadequately prepared students. In Morgantown, W. Va., slow learners are not admitted to chemistry and physics classes, decisions being reached on the basis of performance in homogeneous grouping at the junior high level. In Laramie, Wyo., chemistry and physics are college preparatory only (with biology remaining general).

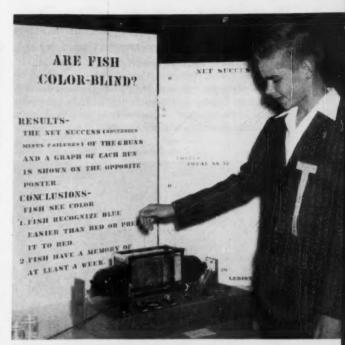
4. Grouping. Most differentiation appears to be achieved by ability grouping systems of various types. Under this plan the college bound frequently find themselves together in the same classes. At the higher levels there is a more active approach, and a higher degree of accomplishment is expected. Grouping by ability results in corresponding levels of subject difficulty, with better results demanded. Even within these classes teachers give a slant to their instruction with an eye to those preparing for college.

In schools with a large percentage of college preparatory students, increased emphasis is on subject theory. Maximum accomplishment is expected of college preparatory students with lower standards exacted of others.

Further differentiation is achieved by permitting future college students to enroll for biology in the ninth grade in those schools where the regular curriculum suspends biology until the 10th grade. This leaves the senior high year free for an advanced science course.

What is your policy with regard to the amount and nature of mathematics required prior to a student's enrollment in science classes?

For biology and general science there seem to be no mathematical prerequisites aside from those required of all students for graduation. Even in the other sciences, actual



FISH are not color blind is the finding of Ricky Matsen, sophomore at Stephen F. Austin High School and a winner of "Best of Show" in the Austin District science fair in Texas. He found that fish recognize blue more easily than red and have a memory of at least one week.

practice seems to be more the result of personal counseling of students and their understanding of the need for a mathematical background before enrolling in science courses. The usual minimum pattern appears to be one year of mathematics for chemistry and two years for physics, with additional courses recommended.

Those preparing for college usually have their work in mathematics more definitely prescribed, and students in accelerated classes are expected to take advanced work in mathematics before or concurrently with their enrollment in science classes. Thus by the time of graduation they will have an advanced standing in mathematics as well as in the science courses.

Prerequisite to enrollment in chemistry courses most frequently is one year of algebra, although some schools require a year of plane geometry in addition. Whether there are requirements or not, schools make specific recommendations as to the courses in mathematics that should be taken by science students, ranging all the way up to two years of algebra, with geometry recommended.

For physics prerequisites in mathematics are set forth more specifically, although even here the samplings received suggest wide variations in requirements. Included are the following: one year of algebra and one year of geometry; one year of algebra and two years of geometry; two years of algebra; two years of algebra and one year of geometry; two years of algebra, with geometry recommended; one year of algebra with one year of geometry, and one year of trigonometry recommended.

Do any of your students do part-time work in hospital laboratories or other science facilities in the community? If so, are they paid for this work? Do they receive credit?

High school students with limited experience in this field do not seem to have much opportunity to find employment in local laboratories, as do business education students in local business establishments. Not only are they not far

Photo by Polytechnic High School photography class, San Francisco



INTERESTED elementary school pupils from around San Francisco learn the mysteries of chemistry at the after-school Lux Laboratory at Polytechnic High School. The classes have since moved to Galileo High School.

enough advanced in their studies to do the types of work available, but local employment situations, including union regulations, at times make this impossible.

Nevertheless, almost half of the respondents report that some students do find some employment in related fields, usually on their own initiative and responsibility, without help from any formal school placement program. Such employment is after school hours and in the summer.

When students are employed, they receive payment, but no academic credit is given for this experience. In a few instances, students are employed by the school system as laboratory assistants to science teachers, but in only one such instance was credit reported, this amounting to onefifth point credit per term.

Is there an imbalance in high school science offerings compared with the total curriculum? If so, how would you correct it?

Since the questionnaire usually was answered by the head of the science department, there was not anticipated any great outpouring of complaints that science courses to-day constitute too large a percentage of the total high school program. Thus it is not surprising that four out of five respondents report "no imbalance," and that such imbalance as is recognized by the others pertains to situations within the high school science department itself, or in its relation to the junior high and elementary school offerings.

One respondent reports that in his district both history and English are required for four years, so that many top students can take only one science course in four years. He would require the top students to take five subjects a year, one of which would be a science for each of the four years. He would require at least eight periods of laboratory science a week instead of the present five. Another respondent opines that perhaps so much national emphasis has been placed on science that it has encouraged enrollment of pupils who really are better suited, or more needed, in other areas of academic work.

As to any balancing needed within high school science departments the following suggestions were made:

More depth is needed in advanced science courses, and more physical sciences should be taken by noncollege entrance students. Some advocate that more advanced courses in science should be added at the senior level for the gifted.

Do you have special classes or a modified curriculum program to facilitate the teaching of science subjects to slow learners?

About 17 per cent of schools included in the sampling replied "no" to this question. Of the 83 per cent reporting "yes," just short of one-third reported meeting the situation with various forms of grouping. About half of the latter courses are organized in keeping with two-year and three-year track systems.

While students of poor ability in science and slow learners in general usually do not elect science courses beyond the minimum requirements, nevertheless most schools appear to be making an effort to provide these students with at least a sufficient science background for daily living.

Some schools in Montgomery, Ala., offer a one-year physical science course for students who have failed in chemistry. An applied science course is taught in the San Francisco Unified School District. Boulder, Colo., has a special physical science class that covers both physics and chemistry in one year. Independent Community School District of Des Moines, Iowa, utilizes textbooks of a less difficult reading level for slow learner classes. Schools in Hagerstown, Md., teach science in the ninth grade, five days a week, with the aid of 30 minute TV presentations, followed by 25 minute regular science classes grouped homogeneously.

In addition to various modified courses in biology, general science, and physical science, such titles as the following appear: life science, introductory general biology in-

cluding basic physiology, economic biology, home science (physical science for girls), and remedial science. Instruction is offered well into Grade 12, slow learners being exposed to courses with modified content at a somewhat later grade level than those in regular classes. No attempt is made to teach the entire usual science curriculum content in some of these classes. Certain of the slow learner courses include a simplified laboratory approach, with less accent on theory, as in Union High School District No. 10 Joint, Beaverton, Ore.

In the Cleveland schools special topics are designated for the less gifted pupils in the curriculum guides, and a recommended reading list for these students is provided. Some respondents object to grouping because they believe that slower learners are deprived of the stimulation of oral class discussion by the more able students; they attempt to meet the needs of special problem students within the regular class by means of supervised study periods and personal assistance.

Reading difficulty experienced frequently by slow learners is counteracted at **Spokane** by using a great deal of audio-visual material that is intended to aid students in understanding better what they are reading in a textbook.

Physical science courses at the 10th year level appear to meet the need of slow learners at Evansville, Ind., where the science teachers make the usual adjustments for the slow learner within the framework of the regular classes. At Omaha special classes in biology were tried, but dropped.

Selection of students for physics and chemistry classes on the basis of mathematics background also results in bringing together in science classes those who have experienced difficulty with their mathematical subjects.

In one way or another other schools retain science as part of their modified program in special education.

By what methods and contacts are you upgrading the competency of your science teachers?

Almost every respondent uses college and university work as one method. About 20 per cent add summer and evening institutes and lectures, conducted in many instances by college faculty members. Some institutes are identified specifically with the N.S.F. program.

About two-thirds of the study participants utilize workshops. More than that number use the services of outside consultants, and one-half rely on science specialists on the district's own staff. The fact that about every other district in the sampling reports audio-visual media as one of the upgrading technics may be credited to the national science program telecast during the past year. Demonstrations by specialists on how to present science material effectively are benefiting inexperienced teachers in numerous cases.

Other methods include the following: own inservice program, department meetings, and seminars; conventions and other meetings; tours of industry. Audubon camps and botanical gardens; teacher science club field trips, visits to other classes and other schools. Providing a departmental science library and making professional literature readily available to teachers is another means of encouraging professional development.

Do you offer any other motivation for science teachers, such as relief from other duties?

Almost half of the department heads say they have no regular plan for motivating science teachers, or did not answer the question. Just short of half of those responding indicate that time off is allowed for conventions, seminars and other conferences. A few systems report helping teachers defray convention expense, and others emphasize that during their absence a technically trained substitute teacher is provided by the school. Attendance at meetings in some instances is restricted to specified gatherings.

One out of seven districts encourages science teachers to try for scholarships and fellowships, including the National Science Foundation fellowships. One out of eight schools excuses science teachers from other duties, at least on certain occasions. Extra pay for science teaching is mentioned in only two instances, and one of these involves after-school time devoted to a laboratory program.

Other actions taken to motivate science teachers, mentioned once each, are: staff employment during the summer sessions, curriculum credit on an advanced salary schedule for curriculum revision work, decreased load for accelerated classes, publicity on outstanding achievements, time allowances for visitation and conferences in local industry, provision of materials for special interests.

Do you provide your science teachers with noncertified help, such as student teachers or laboratory assistants, and clerical aid?

Results of the sampling show that, by and large, science instructors run their own show without organized assistance. About one-third of the respondents failed to answer this question or said that no assistance is provided.

More than half of the others report some student assistance, but this usually is nonpaid help, often qualified to give only limited assistance. Seniors personally interested in science and a teaching career are said to be the most helpful as laboratory assistants.

More than half of the respondents who answered this question also indicate that student teachers from near-by colleges are assigned to their classes at least periodically, if not regularly, but as one director of instruction explains: "They cannot give much relief to teachers, as they themselves need a great deal of teacher time to do a good job." With various degrees of emphasis, others doubt that student interns can be considered helpful, except for cadet teachers.

In one district science classes are organized so that students take their turn at helping the teacher set up equipment. One teacher has a storeroom assistant and another has the benefit of a student projector operator.

One out of each six districts reports that clerical help is available on call, usually from students of the school's own business education department. It is the type of help available to any other teacher in the system as time can be found.

Only two schools employ a full-time, paid laboratory assistant, one under an experimental preprofessional trainee program.

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What methods do you use to evaluate the success of your science instruction?

Replies indicate the following procedures: Teachermade tests appear to be the backbone of science instruction evaluation, with virtually every district in the sampling reporting this method. Following closely are standardized tests, including Ohio's every-pupil test in science, the Iowa test of educational development and the New York State science survey test.

About two-thirds of the districts sampled use work products as criteria, and about one-third make use of anecdotal records. Other miscellaneous methods are: following up graduates, departmental tests, practical tests, teacher group sessions, and permanent student records (including college reports and laboratory assignments).

What materials, supplies, equipment and resources do your teachers use consistently?

Checked off on the inquiry form by just about every respondent are: textbooks, library sources, audio-visual materials, and scientific apparatus. Field trips, occasionally or at stated periods of the year, frequently are reported, with students encouraged in some instances to make their own exploratory journeys. Other resources mentioned include: industry, residents of the community, consultants and resource speakers, special demonstrations, and consultants' exhibits.

Grouped under reference sources are special science libraries, supplemental books, pamphlets and magazines, classroom reference sets for instructors, extension reference books, student materials, and literature supplied by industry. Under audio-visual materials some emphasize educational television programs, both local and national, such as "Continental Classroom."

Have you any criticism of supplies and equipment for science instruction?

Preliminary to answering this question, one respondent declared that too many teachers depend on manufacturers' products and do not make use of readily available resources. Another said that teachers really have no time or money to inquire about, explore or evaluate equipment.

About 20 per cent of the respondents found nothing to criticize in the area of supplies and equipment for science instruction. The other 80 per cent believes in various degrees that: (1) Equipment is too expensive for the time it is used and the principles it demonstrates, when compared to the limited funds available for science instruction, and (2) textbooks and laboratory manuals often are inadequate.

As a means of reducing costs and yet procuring quality, some suggest standardization of specifications for science equipment, for which manufacturers must look to the schools. Science people recognize that too many types and varieties of laboratory pieces and materials are ordered to make their mass production economically feasible. It is hoped by some that the larger volume of orders resulting

from the N.D.E.A. program will have a salutary influence in this respect.

Representative quotations from the replies received include the following:

"Philosophical revision of chemistry textbooks and courses is needed. Laboratory manuals are out of date; they should include more 'open-ended' experiments and be less of the cookbook format."

"Very expensive, but necessary; a science program must be strong." . . . "In general, the equipment is good; however, there has been a slight indication that apparatus companies are substituting lower quality equipment to enable them to compete price-wise." . . . "Much of the equipment seems to be more expensive than necessary." . . . "Too expensive. Not durable. Too specialized."

"Textbooks are most inadequate." . . . "Microscopes could be better designed for student use, and I think they could be less expensive." . . . "Good equipment is expensive. Textbooks can never be completely adequate. All aids to instruction depend primarily on a good teacher." . . . "Textbooks for slower learners are needed." . . . "Textbooks lean too heavily to factual rather than principle development, but this condition is rapidly undergoing a desirable change. Meanwhile, some improvising is necessary." . . . "Textbooks are too general, oversimplified and try to be all-inclusive."

"Teachers do use older models of materials than they would choose to use. Textbooks in a classroom for six or seven years must be supplemented by current materials."

If you had more funds, and all factors were favorable, what additions would you make to your science facilities and equipment?

Surprisingly enough, three out of 10 respondents either ignored the question or indicated that they had no suggestions. Funds made available under N.D.E.A., even at this relatively early date, seem to have effected some major changes and helped remodeling programs get under way.

Some specific suggestions made as to desired additional facilities, grouped by types of science courses, included:

GENERAL SCIENCE. Additional gas outlets, window shades, portable lecture-demonstration tables, project rooms for gifted students, additional storage rooms, laboratory and equipment adjacent to each classroom, and facilities for a junior high school life experience program. Frequently what is desired is "more of what we now have" rather than something new. Many want more individual laboratory equipment to permit more individualized student work.

Other lists refer to: complete library for each laboratory, more visual education equipment, stereo microscopes or binocular type of microscopes, school owned films, laboratory and equipment for a summer course in ecology. One respondent would remodel the present laboratory with perimeter type furniture and buy tablet armchairs for classrooms. An anatomical manikin and skeleton are included in one list. Another respondent would use his funds to employ a laboratory assistant.

BIOLOGY. In this area, too, at least 10 per cent finds the present facilities adequate, although larger quarters and more space for individual laboratory work are desired by most respondents. More and better storage facilities and project rooms for the gifted are stressed.

Equipment needs listed include: higher quality microscopes, refrigeration for instructional supplies, models, cultures, additional gas outlets, greenhouse facilities, animal rooms, more flexible laboratory furniture, equipment for use with overhead and microprojection, and meters for radio activity experiments.

CHEMISTRY. About one out of four either reports conditions satisfactory or failed to reply to the question. Aside from general needs listed under other subject headings, respondents indicate that if funds were more plentiful they would purchase the following: microchemistry and organic chemistry equipment and semimicro chemistry apparatus, small library units for instructional areas, facilities for storing project work, better fume hoods and better ventilation systems.

Also needed are: more materials for atomic energy study, centrifuges, pH meters, more charts and tables for balances, low cost electron microscopes, facilities for individual research and "capital outlay" equipment, such as demonstration tables. Some would add atomic and molecular models, steel cabinets, and other storage facilities.

PHYSICS. If science department heads participating in the sampling had more funds, presumably about a fourth of them would not make use of the money; they find present facilities adequate or not sufficiently inadequate to make note of this in answering this part of the question. Those indicating how they would distribute additional funds refer to the following facilities specifically and to "more of existing facilities" in general: apparatus that will provide opportunity for greater use of variable electric current sources at individual laboratory stations, storage for long-term project work, photography laboratories for time and motion study, more audio-visual materials, and small shops and equipment suggested by the National Science Foundation's physical science study committee's physics program.

Also mentioned is a laboratory for students that would not have to be used for regular classes, and new equipment to meet the needs of students having a broad range of talents. Other indicated possibilities are: stroboscopic lamps, electrical panels, kymograph apparatus, electric panels, scales and balances, microphotography supplies, electronic kits, laboratory equipment for radio work and electrostatic generators for producing high voltage.

Other equipment includes: scales and balances with tables, atomic and nuclear mockups and models for demonstration purposes, telescopes, oscilloscopes, observatory and weather stations, dark rooms, lighted topographic maps and U.S. weather maps, and display cases for rock samples. One supervisor believes equipment for certain phases of nuclear and solar energy should be included in all science planning, and that machinery for a workshop should be provided for each level. (Cont. on p. 86)

MODERN four-student worktable is used for junior science at Peabody High School in Pittsburgh. Here an instructor explains series and parallel circuits. Immediate use can be made of the electromagnet, telegraph and telephone on the horizontal panel in the background, the chalkboard conveniently above it, and the near-by vertical panel display of circuits. Eight of these tables are assigned to each science room.



What are some of the commonest mistakes in planning science classrooms with regard to: water, gas and electric connections, lighting, heating, ventilation, placement of furniture?

Supplementing the answer of his science department chairman to this question, a superintendent writes: "One of the common mistakes in planning science classrooms is the failure to consult with science teachers and department heads during the initial stages of the planning. The result is that many times science areas are too small, storage space is totally inadequate, and obsolete types of laboratory tables are used, making the space completely inflexible."

Another respondent says: "Most commonly, science classrooms are not planned. They are taken from architects' manuals that are 50 years out of date." A third states there is little appreciation of the cultural needs of the various programs of science instruction on the part of schoolhouse planners.

Criticisms fall into four major areas: utilities (inadequate outlets and controls), poor ventilation, insufficient storage, and inflexibility of space. Differences of opinion appear to persist as to the merits of single science classrooms and single laboratories as opposed to the combination arrangement, and regarding the advantages and disadvantages of perimeter arrangement of laboratory tables. But there seems to be general agreement on the following points:

Utilities. Electrical, water and gas outlets often are inadequate or poorly placed. There is lack of variable voltage, and D.C. current is not always available along with A.C. current. Roughing-in of water and gas outlets for future science use often is overlooked.

Hot water at times is missing, even though it is desirable that both hot and cold water be available from mixing facilities and nonsplashing faucets (not spring type). The deep sinks (three are reported necessary for an efficient science room), connected with water and sewer, should be located near the table edge.

In the interest of safety it is urged that a master control switch for each utility be located convenient to the teacher; some urge cut-off facilities at each student's desk. These facilities often are overlooked.

Ventilation. There is a complete absence of hoods in some chemistry laboratories and in others vents of the forced draft system do not seem to be exhausting properly. Unsatisfactory ventilation is reported in both classrooms and laboratories, as well as in storage rooms where volatile materials are kept and photographic darkroom work is done in some schools.

Insufficient Space. This is a common area of complaint for various reasons. Some report that available space is too small for demonstrations and others say space between work tables is too narrow to permit teachers to move around to help students. Most would have more individual work space for students and less crowded lecture room seating. Repeated reference is made to the need for a project room in which students can leave uncompleted work between class periods. A photographic darkroom also is missed in many instances.

Such storage as is provided at times is too far removed

from teachers' quarters; or supplies are not as readily available to demonstration tables as they should be. Faulty planning in some instances has resulted in built-in cabinets in inconvenient locations. Space for storing portable armchairs during the laboratory period also is a problem in some cases.

Other common mistakes made in science department planning are: inadequate natural lighting, and/or unbalanced artificial lighting, especially for microscopic work; not enough concern for student traffic; cumbersome, fixed furniture grouped at the center of the room so as to interfere with normal traffic flow, and rooms too small. (Some architects consider rooms 30 by 30 feet big enough.)

Further shortcomings are: inadequate display cases with glass fronts; flooring not resistant to chemicals; no facilities to darken the classroom for demonstration, experimentation and audio visual work; insufficiently large table tops.

One respondent believes that most science rooms are too fragile and delicate; they should permit sawing, drilling and soldering, he declares. One complains that heating methods are inadequate and another reports that the absence of heat in biology classes during nonclass periods makes it impossible to maintain living specimens.

If you had more funds, and all factors were favorable, what other supplies would you buy?

Either because they consider the possibility posed by this question unrealistic or because they show unusual restraint, one-fourth of participants in this study passed over this question. Another fourth indicate that all things considered they have no major problems with obtaining needed supplies. Typical is a respondent's comment that his schools are fairly well equipped after having taken advantage of N.D.E.A.

In making their wishes known, the remaining half of respondents do not differentiate carefully between supplies and equipment. In many instances emphasis is on the acquisition of a greater variety of supplies and the doubling and trebling of the types of supplies now on hand. One department chairman suggests that each teacher should have a reserve fund of \$50 to purchase local supplies as needed during the year in order to promote greater use of homemade or practical items. Mentioned a number of times is a greater supply of reserve materials and specialized supplies for independent student project work, particularly for advanced students.

Among the general requisitions that would be made if funds in larger amounts were available are these: stationers' supplies, such as file folders, hectograph masters, mimeograph stencils and paper; reference books for pleasure reading in all science areas; instantaneous developing cameras and darkroom equipment and supplies. For biology courses there would be more construction supplies, preserved specimens, glassware, living materials, microscopic slides, and licensed radioactive isotopes. Purchase of many "small item" materials (not only basic supplies) is stressed as one method of effecting general quality improvement of the supplies inventory.

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ON LONG ISLAND, high school pupils study electronics in \$50,000 N.D.E.A. financed laboratory.

L EVITTOWN, N.Y., has a \$50,000 laboratory planned specifically for training students in electronics. N.D.E.A. funds made the project possible.

Seventy students, including six girls, have embarked upon an advanced program of technical electronics at Division Avenue High School. They have been selected from various high schools on Long Island, and have a minimum IQ rating of 120. The three-year program, says Supt. Fred Ambellan, operates within the complex of a comprehensive general high school, has all the desirable characteristics of an advanced, well rounded general education plus the added feature of intensive specialized technical training.

The 70 students have no study periods. Instead they attend classes nine periods a day. In addition to the usual time spent in academic pursuits, they devote one and a half hours each day to laboratory work. During this first year, only Grades 10 and 11 are participating. Next year the program will be extended to Grade 12. Eventually it will represent a three-year project.

The Levittown electronics program was planned by Bernard F. Rappaport, supervisor of industrial arts and vocation-



Business Week Photo by Herb Kratovil

sion, explaining the demonstration circuit to students.

Involved in the technical training courses are: reading complicated manuals and interpreting them correctly; doing needed research and planning; writing analytical reports, and doing creative thinking. The "why" of the operating of a circuit, for example, is considered as important as the "how."

Selection of students for the special work is on the basis of examinations.





'TENTH MONTH' science program was outstanding success last summer at St. Charles, La., when fourth graders studied atomic energy and high school students delved earnestly into the study of electronics.

NEXT June, some three score elementary pupils and high school students at Lake Charles, La., will be continuing their science education for the 10th month. Tried out for the first time last summer, the program was so successful that an expanded offering is being planned for this year.

al education, with assistance from leaders

in the local electronics industry and the

New York State Department of Educa-

tion. Equipment installed includes the

latest in teaching devices and instruction-

al aids. In addition to basic circuits, there

are units in radar, sonar, microwave

transmission, and transistory circuitry. The photograph (above right) shows

Robert Gerrity, instructor and former en-

gineer with Brookhaven National Labo-

ratories of the Atomic Energy Commis-

Twenty pupils were selected last year from Grades 4 through 8, and a like number of students from the high schools. Selection was on the basis of previous performance and on the recommendations of principal and teachers. Applications numbered 125.

The science program was conducted in the laboratories of Lake Charles High School with classes meeting daily from 9 a.m. until noon for four weeks. As the board of education provided financing, no tuition was charged. Interest was high during the entire period, with excellent attendance and children working much longer than the allotted time. Elementary pupils in Grades 4 and 5

delved into such subjects as electrochemical cells, atomic energy, simple electrical circuits, and uses of Ohm's law.

Grades 6 and 7 studied the laws of reflection and refraction, the solar system, preparation of nitric acid and determination of its concentration, generation of gases, electrolysis of water, reaction of oxides with water, and drawings and scale model of a house. In photograph (lower left) Student Jimmy Hoffpauir works on a model.

High school projects included various open-end chemistry investigations, study of light, fundamentals of chemistry and physics with considerable mathematics application emphasized. In photograph (upper left) Renee Reichert is busy with a laboratory experiment.

The project method of teaching was used with children working in small interest groups.

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A STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES

THE science department of Rockville High School, Rockville, Conn., has 12 objectives. Through these it attempts to develop in students the scientific way of living and thinking. By such training it is hoped that they may be objective, impersonal, and unprejudiced in their approach to the problems of a rapidly changing scientific world. The 12 objectives are:

1. To carry out the philosophy of the school.

To help the student reach just or true conclusions regarding his present problems and future needs and adjust himself to them.

 To develop his ability to analyze and generalize and, hence, to distinguish between fact and as-

sumption.

 To develop an appreciation of the technics for intelligent reading of scientific articles in current magazines and newspapers.

- To develop an appreciation of the services of science to the world, nation, community, home and individual.
- To impart information of definite use in daily home life.
- To cooperate with other school departments to gain an appreciation of the integration of science with other fields.
- To provide opportunities for participation in avocational and recreational activities.
- 9. To inspire a spirit of investigation and invention. 10. To develop an appreciation of the historical and
- cultural background of science.

 11. To prepare college preparatory and technical stu-
- dents for future science courses.
- To begin college work in science where ability and interest warrant it.

Do your science teachers prepare any of their own materials for teaching science?

All participants answered this question in the affirmative. Here are examples of "materials" science teachers report:

Teaching Aids. Workbooks and sheets, instructional guides and syllabuses, laboratory manuals and exercises, curriculum bulletins and guides, mimeograph notes on subjects not covered in a textbook, drill exercises and tests. Closely related are charts and maps, bulletin board displays, presentations, demonstration devices, and materials prepared especially for the slow learner.

Classroom Supplies. Slides for biology specimens, cultures, and collections including salamanders, fish, turtles, cats and insects; plants, flowers and weeds; rocks and soil.

Equipment. Small resistor boards, clip leads, amplifying systems, oscilloscopes, simple defraction grading spectroscopes, "how made" laboratory devices, mockups of batteries, calipers, slide rules, dissection kits, photographic apparatus, and cages.

By whom and on what basis is the budget for science equipment and supplies determined?

From the multitude of variations indicated as to the manner in which funds for science study are authorized,

it can be concluded that the general pattern for the sample studied is this: The science department determines the need, the principal's office screens the requisitions, and the administrative department reviews it and makes the final recommendations to the board of education. The larger the school system, the larger the number of administrative personnel involved in the screening and approval process, but basically the pattern remains the same. In schools with science supervisors, senior supervisors, and science department heads, these persons have their sayso; so do the business manager, the assistant business manager, senior curriculum head, and assistant superintendents, where these positions prevail.

In a considerable number of schools there is no separate budget set up for the science department. Instead, needs determined by the science teachers (individually, by sections, and/or department) are presented to the principal, then relayed along the remainder of the administrative way. In a limited number of instances budget work, based on previous years' experience, appears to originate at the administrative level, followed by consultation with

those directly affected.

Most respondents indicate that after careful study within the science department, requisitions usually are approved by the administration and the board, limited only by availability of funds.

Increasingly, allocation of funds appears to be made on the basis of the number of students enrolled in science courses. With few exceptions, comments suggest a harmonious working relationship between the various persons concerned with allocating science funds.

Here are examples of science education financing procedures:

"A list of supplies needed for the following year is made out by the individual teacher, combined into subject areas by the head of the department, and the total is given as a figure for the science budget to the school committee. The chief drawback is that it is impossible to tell what supplies are needed a year in advance, and inevitably important items are omitted."

"Teachers list items desired; principals edit the list and prepare the requisition; the assistant superintendent does the final screening before passing it on to the superintendent of schools."

"The science budget is determined by the superintendent of schools from information from science teachers re-

ceived through the principals."

"Each department makes up listings of needs. A consultant prepares requests based upon needs after conference with department heads. A budget request to the finance department has always been honored and has resulted in sufficient funds."

"The budget is prepared by the superintendent, under the request of the principal of the school, and is weighed against the over-all budgetary needs and the income."

"The county school administration allocates funds to the school for all instructional supplies and equipment. The principal then allocates these funds to the different departments in his school on the basis of need."

"A project is presently under way to establish a formula for science based on realistic needs. The present 'budget' seems to be based on 'what funds are available' and is variable, with no fixed amount given in advance." **IN AKRON**, inservice training of social studies teachers relieves shortage of qualified science personnel and opens young eyes to field of physical sciences.

A HUGE lode of unexplored science teaching talent lies hidden within the confines of many public schools, educators in Akron, Ohio, believe. At least they have found this to be true locally, where 114 social studies teachers have been recruited for successful teaching of junior high school science subjects.

"We have tried to instruct and equip each teacher to teach basic, simple scientific experiments in his classroom," says Martin W. Essex, superintendent of schools and 1959-60 president of the American Association of School Administrators. The teacher training course, he explains, was designed to help more teachers open the eyes of youngsters early to the field of physical sciences with simple projects in chemistry and physics. This goal has been achieved. In photograph (upper right) two Akron social studies teachers are setting up a Jacob's ladder electrical experiment.

To meet the need for more qualified persons to teach the physical sciences at the junior high level, within the context of their broader social implications, three steps were taken during 1958:

 A two-week, 70 hour summer science seminar was arranged for all social studies teachers, during which time they were paid at the rate of daily substitute teachers.

2. A resource teacher in science was hired to work with the social studies teachers.

 A mobile scientific laboratory was purchased for each of Akron's 11 junior high schools.

A double period each day (80 minutes) or 10 periods a week (400 minutes) is set aside for social studies, with science education given two-fifths of the time. Thus, acquaintance with the physical sciences is provided junior high school students for an average of 32 minutes a day, or 160 minutes a week. Actually, teachers use the unit system, balancing blocks of time over a period of weeks to do justice to both subjects.

To date, 114 social studies teachers have received at least two weeks of special training in the sciences, and some have had a refresher course. Currently an inservice class is being conducted for those teachers who did not get to attend the summer seminar. Each of the mobile laboratories, which can be moved from



JACOB'S LADDER electrical experiment is set up by two Akron social science teachers in special science seminar. The summer seminar was designed to bring them up to date on basic chemistry and physics.

classroom to classroom as needed, has been equipped with \$600 worth of supplies and a \$185 microprojector.

Has the science training program for teachers worked? After the first year the junior high school principals unanimously reported that the social studies teachers who had attended the science seminar were teaching science effectively.

LECTURE-LABORATORY room combination at Niagara-Wheatfield Junior-Senior High School, Niagara, N.Y. The photograph was taken over instructor's table facing class in lecture situation. Note skydomes above laboratory tables on inside wall at left. Note, too, the fume-removable equipment shown at the center rear of the room.

Photo from Perkins & Will, architects, White Plains, N.Y., and Chicago, and Highland & Highland, Buffalo, N.Y.



An Audio-Visual 'Natural'

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THE content of science education, whether it be in the grades, in the high school, or at the college level, has to do with demonstrations to develop an understanding of natural phenomena. For decades, chemistry and physics demonstrations have been conducted in laboratories and on the demonstration benches before lecture groups as a central means of instruction and learning. Such science demonstrations lend themselves to carefully conceived audio-visual media, such as sound motion picture films, diagrams, flat pictures, and filmstrips.

Students of science education and audio-visual communication technics agree that three positive results take place when science teaching demonstrations are documental in film or filmstrip form:

- 1. The demonstration always works. Anything that is finally released in film form represents authenic and completed work. In contrast, many hastily set-up classroom demonstrations either fail or are incomplete.
- 2. Everyone has a front row seat. The film or filmstrip maker arranges his photography so that small details are enlarged when projected. Thus details of measurement or physical or chemical change can be photographed through the kind of close-up or changed-time photography that, when projected, will allow everyone in the room to have a "visual front row seat."
- 3. Because of the economics of film production and sale, costly and necessary equipment can be used. The typical classroom science laboratory is poorly equipped with the apparatus for carrying on science experiments or demonstrations. In many science teaching films, thousands of dollars worth of equipment is used in a 10 or 15 minute experiment. Such elaborate

and highly useful equipment would normally not be found in classrooms.

In discussing the foregoing advantages of audio-visual science materials, those who favor the traditional pupilteacher demonstration system say:

"However, great good does come from each pupil's manipulations of even a limited amount of science laboratory equipment."

However, no one seems to be able to bring forth research evidence that this good has been measured or that it results in useful change in a student's behavior.

What Researchers Find

It is natural enough, then, to ask what researchers who were investigating the role of audio-visual technics in the improvement of science instruction have to report.

One of the first studies was made by Roulon, who at Harvard University in 1933 investigated the instructional use and efficiency of sound motion pictures among ninth grade general science students. He found this:

"In terms of immediate student achievement, results indicated that the teaching technic employed in the science sound motion picture film was 20.5 per cent more effective from the instructional standpoint than was the usual unaided presentation."

The same year, V. C. Arnspiger investigated the efficiency of science sound motion picture films among upper grade elementary school students in cities along the Eastern seaboard. He reported this distinct contribution of science films to learning: "The per cents of superiority of those students who were in classes in which sound motion picture films in the field of science were used ranged from 22 to 30 per cent among the various natural science units."

During studies conducted among 28 Nebraska communities in 1952, Wesley C. Meierhenry showed similar comparable gains for: "general science and high school physics and biology students who had the advantage of using carefully selected sound motion picture films to enrich and enhance their studies in these science areas."

More recently, Louis Romano discovered that when combinations of audio-visual materials were used in science instruction in Grades 6 to 8, truly remarkable gains in science vocabulary resulted.

His study is unique in that he chose as his subjects children who were already accustomed to a learning environment that their teachers considered unusually enriched.

Greater vocabulary gains were made by the groups that used films. The fifth grade pupils who used films learned up to 300 per cent more of the vocabulary of science, the sixth grade groups twice the vocabulary, and the seventh grade groups 200 per cent more than the control groups learned.

Research over a 25 year period shows that more and better science instruction can be accomplished in the elementary and high school levels when well selected and wisely used audio-visual materials are brought into the stream of classroom instruction.

One has but to examine announcements that arrive daily to witness the many new series of filmstrips, films and related materials that characterize the new teaching materials output of not only film producers but some of the most respected old-line textbook publishers.

It is these new sources of instructional materials that administrators and teachers may wish to scrutinize as possibilities for further improvement of science teaching.

FIRST GRADERS examine
a plant display that was
exhibited at a school
science fair. These pupils,
at Lexington Avenue
Elementary School in
Providence, R.I., get 60
minutes of science
instruction each week,
beginning with kindergarten.



Photo by Providence Journal-Bulletin

THE ELEMENTARY GRADES

and junior high schools report more content and better methods in teaching of science, and also urgent need for facilities and upgrading of personnel

A NATION'S SCHOOLS SURVEY

Summarized by John Sternig

M ORE than a half-century has rolled by since Wilbur S. Jackman began his promotion of what was to become modern elementary school science. Jackman has been called the father of elementary school science by Gerald Craig, who himself has been given that title by others.

Jackman laid the basis of science for children as contrasted with Nineteenth Century science dealing with objects apart from the learner. For a time "nature study" obscured the new directions, though it served as a transition between the formality of the old style science and that now advocated. By the 1920's it was apparent that nature study was not succeeding. Its lack of organization, its overemphasis upon incidentals, emotions and esthetics rather than on basic principles and reason led to its demise.¹

By the 1930's the movement for modern elementary school science had gathered momentum, and it has continued ever since. As often happens, a half-century was required for the original ideas to gain full acceptance by most of the profession. Full implementation of the ideas has not even now been achieved.

The year 1960 moves us past the mid-century years. It is now the year 3 S.A. (Space Age). A Space Age motivated public seems to be demanding more science education without knowing clearly what it is asking for.

Are educators better informed? Do they interpret science education to mean production of more scientists or a science-minded, science-informed citizenry — or both? Where is the emphasis to be and at what levels of education? For elementary and junior high school grades, what are the expressed purposes of science education? What is its content; what are the resources and methods used in teaching and learning? What are the problems? What are the proposed solutions? How do educators measure and evaluate the results of their efforts?

These and other questions were answered by 52 elementary school systems in 36 states, schools with science programs now in action. The responses, therefore, do not represent "the state of the nation" but rather that of

¹Craig, Gerald: Elementary School Science in the Past Century, The Science Teacher, February 1957.

schools already better than average. What these schools report will follow, together with some comments on each topic in the light of the current point of view toward elementary and junior high school science.

In what grades is a program of science education offered?

Most of the schools surveyed offer planned programs starting with the first year of school and continuing through all the grades. A few depend on incidental experiences in the early years, but most of these indicate that they expect to extend planned programs downward.

This is a hopeful situation and indicates that science has achieved recognition in these schools as one of the basic curriculum areas. Science leaders have been pleading for such recognition as a necessary first step. There is little point in seeking to improve science education until there is some to improve.

How do the expressed purposes of science education rank in the schools?

Five purposes were stated and rank assigned as of much, average or little importance.

1. To provide scientific facts and information.

To develop understanding and use of the methods of scientific problem solving.

3. To develop scientific attitudes and habits of thinking.

4. To open new fields of interest and appreciation.

5. To contribute to basic purposes of general education. The consensus seemed to be that the purposes suggested were those used in the schools. All were checked as being of much or average importance with only minor exceptions.

The place of facts and information seems somewhat confused. Schools that considered them of only average importance tended to give much importance to the scientific methods, habits and attitudes. However, many schools consider facts and information fully as important as scientific problem solving, habits and attitudes. It is hard to reach conclusions about the interpretation of this without observing teachers in action in classrooms.

It seems safe to say that most educators are concerned over the frequent discrepancy between expressed *purposes* and daily teaching *practices*. Excellent aims are stated in curriculum guides and in verbal descriptions, but often these cannot be observed in daily work with children. We say we strive to develop critical thinking, open-mindedness, responsibility, resourcefulness, scientific problem solving, and similar characteristics of the scientist in pursuit of new knowledge and truth. Yet our methods suggest that our real purpose is to instill facts, and that facts, rather than the process of discovering them, are the ends we seek.

It has been suggested that perhaps teachers do not really believe the purposes they verbalize and, therefore, lack the basic motivation needed to put them into practice. It has also been suggested that we teach for what we know we must test. Since most school tests are fact tests rather than process or change-of-behavior tests, facts become our goal.

This is not to say that facts are not important. We must remember that skills, habits and attitudes develop from experiences. They cannot be taught or caught in isolation from content. But when the science curriculum becomes the table of contents of a textbook and the learning process is limited to reading the pages, a rather narrow kind of science education results.

Scientists have long been telling us that the greatest contribution of science to modern society has not been the

three magnet wires, a bell, and a push button."
Second graders at Gracemount School in
Cleveland conduct an experiment in
electricity. Experimentation gives
firsthand knowledge in
matter and energy that
can't be gained from
mere reading.

marvelous array of discoveries, inventions and technology, but the method by which these came about. The scientific method of problem solving and of searching for truth is the unique contribution. Therefore, more stress on the *method*, along with the facts, is indicated as a purpose for science education. The schools surveyed report having such a purpose.

How is the content of the curriculum organized?

Everyone agrees there must be content in the science curriculum. The survey suggested five basic areas under which all experiences could be organized at any grade level: (1) Living Things, (2) Earth, (3) Universe, (4) Matter and Energy, and (5) Man's Use of Science.

Without exception the schools indicated all five were found in their total program.

Experiences with the subject of Living Things were indicated at every grade by most schools.

Next most comprehensive was the area of Earth Science. Many schools have experiences in this field starting in primary grades.

The Universe as well as Matter and Energy tended to appear in intermediate years and continue through junior high.

Man's Use of Science appeared mainly in upper intermediate and junior high years.

These results are in general agreement with other studies which indicate that there still is a strong emphasis on biological sciences in the early grades, with physical sciences tending to appear later. This tends to produce a weaker foundation in the physical sciences.

The five content areas reveal little of what specific experiences are given children grade by grade. Studies reveal that there is no agreement nationally on just what experiences children should have. Consensus seems to be that there should be planned programs with scope and sequence, locally developed as curriculum guides in terms of local needs and interests. There is also consensus that such programs should be developmental, each year building on what has gone before, though all admit that this is hard to achieve since it requires careful curriculum recording and good staff communication, as well as continuity.

Difficulties in achieving scope and sequence have led to increased demand for grade by grade allocation of content, but all recognize the danger to creative teaching and to flexibility in this approach. One may conclude that the selection of content remains a major problem.

What resources and teaching methods are used?

The schools surveyed indicated that all of the following resources are used consistently in their science programs: textbooks, library materials, science apparatus, audiovisual materials, and field trips.

In addition, some listed the following: specialists and counselors, television and radio teaching, community resources, projects, and free and inexpensive business sponsored materials.

Of the resources listed, field trips were lowest on the list.

These results are in line with modern methods of teaching which accept the point of view that all the senses should

Teaching science through realistic methods has been the aim of John Sternig in his teaching career. Mr. Sternig has been an elementary school teacher, a science counselor, and presently is assistant superintendent in charge of instruction at Glencoe, Ill. He is the author of two filmstrip series on astronomy and has written several books including "Beginners Book of Astronomy" and Volume 9 of the "Childcraft" series.



be brought into action in the learning process. The multisensory method of teaching goes far beyond the occasional use of an audio-visual aid. It stresses the fact that use of a wide variety of resources which aim at all the senses is now the accepted *method* of teaching and not merely an *aid*.

Schools that claim concern for the methods of science as one of their purposes must submit their teaching methods to scrutiny to see if such methods are used in the teaching. Scientists learn nothing new from reading books that contain knowledge already discovered. The main task of science is to reveal new knowledge about the world and universe and the forces within it, or to develop further the knowledge already known.

It is true that children are not likely to discover new truths for the world, but they should use the methods of science to discover what they do learn rather than to memorize what others have said. Teachers who consider the discovery method as slow and inefficient should remember that in the long run learners tend to retain what was personally discovered much longer than what was simply memorized. If permanent retention and use are the goals, it is likely that rote memorization rather than discovery is the least effective means of learning.

Science teaching has the least excuse of any for not being multisensory. By its very nature it deals with objects and processes that can be directly observed and dealt with. It lends itself most easily to the multisensory method which progresses from firsthand experience through a sequence of actions which bring the mind to bear upon phenomena and which eventually blossom into conclusions, generalizations and other forms of abstraction.

This is why more and more teachers and children are working with science rather than merely reading about it. Modern science textbooks are no longer written as stories about science but as guides to discovery by the student.

A school system owes it to itself to evaluate whether it provides the staff with the facilities, equipment and supplies that make the scientific way of teaching science easy and natural. It must also examine its philosophy of education to see if it is consistent with this teaching method.

By what methods and contacts do you upgrade the competency of your staff for science teaching?

School administrators admit, almost without exception, that the teacher is the heart of the school system. Its effectiveness rises or falls with the competence of the staff. This survey revealed that schools with good programs of education (including science) also had active programs for promoting growth of teacher competence on the job.

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The following methods for upgrading staff competence were checked by most of the schools in this study: workshops, demonstrations, consultants, science specialists, college work, and curriculum committees.

A surprising number indicated educational TV was used as an inservice device for staff training and growth.

In addition, the following were listed by a number of respondents: institutes, scholarships, conferences, conventions, science fairs, added pay, idea swapping, publications, organization membership, industrial tours, and a full-time science consultant serving in the school system.

This study did not attempt to get opinions about the quality of preservice teacher training, but responses to other items indicated that many teachers are still not well prepared for elementary science.

Teacher training institutions are improving their offerings year by year, but it will probably always be true that teachers are made in the classroom where they teach rather than in the college course. It, therefore, follows that the school system must provide means for continuous growth on the job if it wants to upgrade staff competence.

How much time for science teaching?

The schools were asked to indicate the principal method for incorporating science into the daily program. An overwhelming number indicated it was done by units in science, separate from other curriculum areas.

A few indicated that their principal method was to integrate science with other curriculum areas.

None used the incidental approach to science as the principal method.

These results are interesting in view of the fact that lack of time for science often is cited as one of the reasons for its absence in some schools. Yet the schools surveyed, with good science programs, found time to offer separate units. In part, this might be a result of the inclusion of junior high classes in the report. These are often departmental and, therefore, schedule science separately. The schools that used integration as the principal method had no classes higher than 6th grade.

There seems to be a feeling that one cannot rely on integration or incidental science for complete scope or continuous sequence through the elementary school. Science has a way of being lost in the stew of other content, or is left out entirely. If its content is lost, its methods are likely to be even more so.

The conclusion seems to be that a carefully selected group of science units each year is necessary to achieve the minimum requirements of a well planned developmental program. In addition, it is hoped that teachers will integrate science experiences, wherever they apply, in all other curriculum areas, and also take advantage of "lessons of opportunity" that come up incidentally or even accidentally.

It might be appropriate to consider that classes below junior high tend to be self-contained, with one teacher in charge of all experiences. In these the classroom teacher is the science teacher. In junior high the science teacher is usually a specialist or nearly so.

This situation inevitably affects the way in which science is offered — or avoided. It is unreasonable to expect a classroom teacher to be an expert in all curriculum areas. Those who are trained in science will be more likely personally to plan science work along the lines ideally desired. Those who are not will rely on the guide or the textbook or will avoid science teaching as much as possible.

There is no way to avoid the issue of teacher competence and its implications for science education.

How do you measure the results of instruction?

The following devices were used in the schools surveyed. The methods are listed from first to last, in the order of use: teacher-made tests, work products of children, standardized tests, personal conferences, anecdotal records.

Here we come to the heart of the educational process — the way the teacher determines how the purposes of instruction have been achieved.

It is likely that the sequence reported here is typical for science evaluation. The effectiveness or reliability cannot be judged for any school without the tests and their administration, as well as the way the results are used, being observed.

It is perhaps fortunate that standardized tests in science are somewhat scarce and not extensively used. The very idea of standardizing suggests inflexibility and uniformity. Since so many tests are fact centered rather than process centered, it would appear that the basic purposes of science education would not be well served by them. If it is true that we teach for what we test, it may be that fact tests lead away from rather than toward accepted purposes.

There is no assurance that teacher-made tests do any better. Most of these are largely fact centered, though a teacher who wants to test for basic purposes can do so if he makes up his own test. No matter what purposes are verbalized the teacher reveals his real purposes when he tests, and children quickly learn what is to be expected and proceed accordingly. This is why the final test of the science program lies in the testing program used to evaluate it.

Process and method are of greatest importance in science education. Yet these are the hardest to measure and evaluate. They require observation of the learner in action and of his behavior before, during and after the learning. Each situation and each learner requires a custom-made set of observations, recordings and evaluative judgment.

Many teachers believe it is humanly impossible to do this fully and, therefore, do not attempt it, even in part. This leaves only the work products of children and the facts retained as the measure of their achievement. To be sure, facts are important. It would be silly to say a child is good in science if he has no knowledge in the field. Fortunately also, work products often reveal the process and method. With these, plus a modicum of careful observation, a good teacher can reach sound conclusions about each child.

Gerald Craig sums up the process admirably as follows: "In a sense it is the spontaneous behavior of children—the proposal of something to do, the inquiry, the choice of language in indicating open-mindedness, the critical-mindedness, poise, resourcefulness, the challenge of a statement, the response to a challenge, the stating of an hypothesis, indication of expectation, the willingness to consider new ideas, the use of old learning in new situations and learning—that is useful in evaluation."²

²Craig, Gerald: Science in the Elementary Schools (What Research Says to the Teacher) No. 12. p. 31, N.B.A. Washington, D.C., 1957.



MODEL made of plaster of paris showing steps in soil conservation and erosion control is used in this earth study experiment. The models were developed by a fourth grader in the public schools in Spokane.



IN ASTRONOMY, eighth graders put spots on an umbrella to represent northern constellations. Pupils turn the umbrella to show the apparent movement of the Big Dipper, North Star, and Cassiopea. This demonstration is shown in a St. Louis public school.

firsthand experience. Six faculty meetings were held during the fall of 1959 in each elementary school in Mamaroneck, N.Y., to improve elementary science teaching. Leader and consultant was Katherine E. Hill (left), associate professor of education at New York University and specialist in science education. "How to" classroom procedures were discussed, as requested by teachers in a questionnaire distributed previously. At each building the principal conducted the meetings and

followed up by visiting classes, procuring materials, and coordi-

nating the planning.

TEACHERS, TOO, learn best from





A GEOLOGIST in Boulder, Colo., points to a geology map showing a dike in a rock formation.

Comparing rock formations with a map is more meaningful to students on a science trip than mere observation of geological contours,

Gerald Craig's comment indicates most potently why many consider science education most promising in dealing with individual differences. In science the individual mind in action is always the most important element.



MAGNETISM is the study project of these elementary school children at East Clark School in Cleveland. Pupils learn to recognize magnetic lines of force and then check data with information from textbooks.

BEEF HEART and beef lung are specimens used in studying the human body in a science and health class at Maplewood School in Greeley, Colo. Tribune photo by Bob Beard.



What additional facilities and equipment would you like to have?

The schools were asked to indicate what additions to existing science facilities and equipment they would like to have. The composite list can serve as a useful guide to every school, as well as to commercial suppliers of these products.

FOR SELF-CONTAINED CLASSROOMS:

Adequate supplies of simple science apparatus for teacher demonstration and pupil activities.

Adequate electric outlets.

Water in each classroom.

Hot plates or other room heat sources.

Displays space: tables, cabinets, window ledges.

Work areas for science activities in each room.

Areas for growing things in each room.

Terrariums and aquariums in each room.

Darkening facilities for classroom projection of visual equipment.

More audio-visual machines and equipment.

Science kits of equipment keyed to curriculum.

More library resources, supplementary reading materials.

Storage space for room science equipment.

Science charts.

Petty cash fund for small purchases.

FOR EACH BUILDING:

One equipped laboratory classroom for each elementary building.

A science center to serve as a science resource area.

Equipment such as microscopes, microprojectors, telescope and specialized apparatus needed on occasion.

Cages, boxes, flower pots, and other bulky items.

Specimens, models, charts, skeletons and other three-dimensional devices.

Master collections of leaves, insects, rocks and other local flora and fauna.

Portable laboratory tables with equipment, more extensive than room science kits.

SYSTEMWIDE:

One or more full-time science consultants to work with staff and children.

Greenhouse facilities.

Animal houses.

An arboretum and bird sanctuary.

Adequate clerical and maintenance help for the science department.

Some of the respondents indicated an "I can dream, can't I?" attitude toward some of these items, yet a good case can be stated for every one of them in the planning of a truly ideal science program.

Many present shortcomings in even minimum programs can be traced to lack of the items listed. Teachers generally make a plea for room equipment to reduce the need for sharing, which often results in non-use of items not readily available when needed. Such lack of availability of activity and demonstration materials is responsible for much of the



THREE EXPERIMENTS in heat are being demonstrated simultaneously by eighth graders in this general science room of Whittier School in Oak Park, Ill.: condensation of water, expansion of a heated wire and of a liquid.

reading and talking about science, since reading and talking can easily be done with materials right in the room.

It would appear that schools planning for expansion of science programs would do well to consider:

Some science rooms fully equipped.

Remodeling of regular classrooms for science activities with basic supplies in each room.

Portable laboratories.

Systemwide supplies of specialized equipment in conjunction with a science center.



ACTIVITY MANIPULATION and reading are combined in science learning at Monroe School in Omaha. One pupil reads from a textbook while another performs the experiment being explained by the reader with text.

Special community facilities or school use of existing ones — park areas, arboretum, greenhouse.

A science specialist as science curriculum director, counselor and teacher.

What significant changes or innovations have been made recently?

The schools were asked to indicate what major changes had been made in their science programs in the last five years, and to describe features they considered especially significant. Responses are summarized in the following categories:

CURRICULUM CHANGES:

Development of unified and coordinated K-12 science programs.

Bringing existing programs up to date with space science, atomic science, International Geophysical Year.

Content reduced, concepts stressed.

More physical science earlier in grades.

Tighter planning to avoid any duplication.

Integration of health and safety with science.

Special science challenge for the gifted.

General upgrading, such as biology in 9th grade.

Studies on how to integrate science with other curriculum areas.

METHODS CHANGES:

Shift from reading-listening to problem solving activity science.

Emphasis on teacher demonstration and more pupil activity.

Emphasis on meaning and understanding of principles through application.

RESOURCE CHANGES:

Textbook adoptions, especially problem centered series.

State curriculum guides.

Classroom equipment keyed to units.

Greater use of multisensory resources and methods of teaching.

Increasing use of educational TV.

Broader use of community resources.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES:

Definite time for science in the daily program.

Better supervision.

Increased use of science counselors.

Pilot studies.

Inservice work for upgrading competence.

Inservice work on staff development of science guides and units.

Greater coordination and communication at all levels.

Greater recognition of need for specialized systemwide leadership.

Pupil involvement beyond the regular program: honors groups, after-school groups, summer sessions, individual projects, science fairs.

Most of these changes are in line with the trends indicated in this total report. One item, however, deserves a word of caution — science fairs. The school administrator as well as the science teacher may find these appealing for the wrong reasons. They are very popular as public relations devices, but it is well to ask how well they interpret the purposes of science education or the program of the schools.

Glenn Blough, in a report of a special conference of the National Science Teachers Association, has this to say about science fairs: "They should be, insofar as possible, an outgrowth of the ongoing science program. In the elementary school, if not at higher grade levels, emphasis should not be directed to the giving of prizes and awards. There should be many group projects which show the work of a class study as well as some individual exhibits. Small fairs confined to individual schools are recommended, but administrators, parents and others should be urged not to evaluate the school science program on the basis of what they see at a science fair." This statement presumably represents consensus among some 250 leading science educators involved in the conference.

What are the most persistent problems?

Schools were asked to indicate problems that persist, even when reasonably good science programs are in action. The ones given may be a comfort to the administrator who feels frustrated at the snail's pace with which progress takes place. Most persistent problems pertain to staff: teacher insecurity in science, poor preparation, rapid turnover, and the need for continuous inservice education just to keep from sliding back. Other problems are:

Poor space, facilities, supplies.

Overcrowded curriculum, lack of time.

Logistics — getting teachers, pupils, materials, methods and curriculum together at the right time and the right place.

The overwhelming mass of science content and the lack of agreement on basic concepts and principles.

Lack of trained leadership.

Inadequate evaluation procedures.

The fact that problems persist should discourage no one, so long as their existence serves as a challenge to find solutions. It should be remembered that life on earth is one long series of problems. New ones appear as fast as old ones are solved. Perfection cannot be found in this temporal world.

^aBlough, Glenn: It's Time for Better Elementary School Science, National Science Teachers Association, p. 24. N.E.A., Washington, D.C., 1958.

GUIDELINES FOR ACTION

The 10 topics presented in this report and the interpretations offered upon each remain useless unless some action results. What can the reader do to improve an existing science program or to establish a new one?

1. Take stock! What science education do your schools now offer? At what grade levels? How would you describe the purposes to an inquiring parent? What would you say about the content, the scope and sequence, the resources and methods used, the means of evaluation, the actual results? Do you really know?

2. Where do you want to go? Perhaps your self-inventory leaves you satisfied and the reading of this report merely confirms what you already know and are acting upon. If not, what then?

3. Begin somewhere! "The longest journey begins with a single step." After taking stock determine what is for you the most practical first step. Is it a matter of your leadership

further to motivate what the staff already is committed to? Is it a matter of starting anew?

4. Do something, don't just talk about it. Many problems remain unsolved because people talk about them, and having done so, feel that something has changed.

5. Act upon the following:

Make sure your schools have an understood and accepted set of purposes for science education.

Develop cooperatively a curriculum guide with complete scope and sequence in its content.

Provide the essential facilities and resources for good science teaching.

Establish a continuous inservice program to upgrade teacher competence and improve methods of teaching.

Determine a set of procedures for continuous evaluation and revision of your science program.

Put into effect a sound program of evaluation to test and measure results of instruction in the classroom.

Basis for optimism . . .

Teachers and Scientists Form New Partnership

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O UTSTANDING in the many efforts directed toward improving science instruction is evidence of a growing spirit of partnership and good will by groups of persons assumed to hold differences of opinion. This is represented by the teams of scientists and secondary school teachers who are working together in the development of curriculum materials.*

With an indication of considerably extended activities, nationwide curriculum studies are making it possible for teachers from elementary school through college to work together in planning programs in mathematics and science from the elementary through college level.

One of the most promising avenues for future improvement is the development of better relations among teachers at all levels of instruction.

Some Concerns

There is, of course, some justified concern about overemphasis on science education and special privileges being provided for science teachers through stipends for study during the summer and academic year.

Two principal dangers appear in the effort to improve science instruction:

1. The possibility of giving too much attention to programs for the gifted, which results in a neglect of science for general education. 2. The possibility of devoting too much school time to the study of science at the expense of other important areas of general education.

It is encouraging to note, however, that many curriculum studies show a growing concern for general education. Materials ûsed in physics and mathematics studies are being tried out with children of medium and low ability as well as with gifted children. Few, if any, voices in science are asking for more time in the school day to study science; rather, scientists are trying to make better use of the time now available for the study of science and mathematics.

Basis for Optimism

There is so much evidence of success and promise for progress in science education that it is difficult to avoid a glow of optimism, especially when comparing the action and constructive effort of 1959 to that of the last 25 years. This optimism also is based upon the hope that similar effort by scholars, teachers and administrators can be made in other areas of the curriculum, particularly in the fields of social sciences and humanities.

The pattern of successes and short-comings established by science teachers can prove extremely profitable to other groups.

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HEADQUARTERS for some 60,000 A.A.A.S. members is this modern office building in Washington, D.C.

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VELOCITIES of two balls before and after collision are shown in this stroboscopic picture by Berenice Abbott, Educational Services Inc.

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Myriad of Teaching Aids

MANUFACTURERS of laboratory apparatus and equipment are working overtime these days to provide the instruments and furniture in demand for science education.

More than 2000 teaching items for use in science courses are available for today's students. The manufacturers' emphasis is not only on quantity but on quality.

Hand in hand with this development has been the expansion of a highly specialized industry that designs and manufactures laboratory equipment (furniture). The previous decade's production of "millwork" is a thing of the past, now that a complex modern laboratory is being designed.

The schools of today are taking into account that students in science courses require their own work area at a laboratory table, with a part of the room designated and equipped for special group projects. It is also being recognized that a portion of the science room or an adjacent room should be available to the instructor and students in preparing special apparatus or for displays and projects requiring several days or weeks of preparation.

Another present-day trend is to provide ample storage space for the many necessary pieces of equipment.

Though students should perform most experiments themselves, either individually or in groups, in many instances demonstration by the teacher is preferable because the apparatus is too delicate or the materials are unusually hazardous.

Going along with the requirements of larger classrooms, equipment makers are meeting this demand by devising apparatus large enough so that all students can easily view the demonstration. Too, overhead projectors that come equipped with large stages are becoming an integral part of the science classroom. Hereby, Newton's interference rings, slides and model verniers can be projected to a large viewing audience.

Physics, chemistry, biology and general science are still the basic science courses in high school. However, a second course in each of these fields is coming into the picture, primarily because of the advanced science education program this country is undergoing. Thus, high schools are using equipment and conducting experiments that formerly were restricted to the college level.

In physics, for example, new equipment is being made available for new applications. Included are thermistors, items to measure electrical currents in terms of analytical weights, and apparatus that simulates the scattering of alpha particles by atomic nuclei. Geiger counters employing simplified late model technics for beginning students and scaler circuits for the more advanced student are tools

Enhance Quality of Instruction

presently available in high school laboratories. Instruments to demonstrate the fundamental principle of gas mechanics, including Boyle's law, van der Waals' corrections, and Avogadro's law are being supplied.

Small model atom smashers, which produce up to 75,000 volts and sparks up to 2 inches long and yet are absolutely safe, are also at the hand of today's student.

New apparatus developments in the biological sciences are moving ahead as rapidly as in the physical sciences. Unbreakable rubber models are replacing plastic models. Microscopes and microprojectors have been simplified and modernized, and the optics have been improved.

Other interesting items include apparatus for tracing radioactive elements through the branches of growing plants or for showing the half-life of a radioactive material that disintegrates in less than a minute and can be measured to within a second. A portable isolation unit requiring the use of rubber gloves and high filtration permits the students to work with radiochemical technics for the atomic age.

Mobile laboratories are convenient for teaching small or large classes using visual demonstrations.

Special kits are finding their place among teaching aids to demonstrate the basic laws and principles of electricity, nuclear physics, and chemistry. They save thousands of hours of assembly, and they cost one-third the price of pieces individually purchased.

The cost of equipping a science laboratory-classroom varies considerably with the subject and with what the teacher considers essential. In any case, equipping a laboratory is not a "one-shot" proposition. It is a continuing function for which new and better equipment is constantly being developed.

According to the National Science Teachers Association, the estimated cost of minimum demonstration and laboratory items for one high school chemistry class of 24 pupils is \$5000. The annual replacement expenditure is \$2400.

For physics, the cost runs up to \$10,000, and the annual replacement expenditures to \$525.

For biology, the apparatus, initial installation, and microscopes cost approximately \$5500; the annual replacement expenditure, \$800.

For general science study, the estimated cost is \$6000; the replacement expenditure, \$800.

In elementary science approximately \$660 is required for a class of 24 pupils; the annual replacement figure, \$115.

The average estimated cost of delivery and assembly of laboratory furniture for the foregoing sciences are as follows: general science, \$6000; biology, \$6700; physics,

\$9600; chemistry, \$12,600; two preparation rooms, \$2900.

When remodeling is necessary, as in the case of older schools, the cost for construction, new wiring, plumbing and the like is from 33 to 50 per cent higher than normal construction costs.

The "Purchase Guide," recently developed by the Council of Chief State School Officers, is the first of its kind in American education. It contains advice and specifications on the purchase and educational functions of more than 950 selected items of equipment for instruction in science, mathematics and modern foreign languages.

Research and development programs sponsored by laboratory apparatus and furniture makers are of vital importance to all concerned. The industry is investing more than 6 cents per sales dollar in research, whereas the national average is approximately 3 cents per sales dollar—this to ensure the nation's progress in science.

New types of paints and finishes and stronger, more durable materials are constantly undergoing close scrutiny. Many apparatus and instrument parts once made of wood are now being made of metals or plastics, which serve better, last longer, and usually are less expensive. More color is being used, and classroom equipment is being simplified.

One new item that will soon be found in every classroom is radio apparatus to demonstrate the projection of sound from one side of the room to the other. Stroboscopic equipment for stopping high-speed rotations or vibrations also will find its way into the classrooms. Solar cells, transistors, high stability mercury cells, and various semi-conductor devices will soon be available. Such terms as "energy levels," "cariolis force," "solid state chromography," and "plasma" will become common terminology in our high schools.

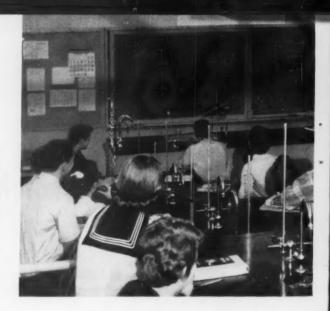
A study by the Research Division of the National Education Association ascertained that all public secondary schools spent a minimum of \$30 million for science equipment, apparatus and supplies in the fiscal year prior to the spring of 1958. The minimum unfilled needs at that time were estimated at almost \$94 million more.

As of June 30, 1959, appropriations of \$49.3 million for the purchase of equipment and materials were used to improve the teaching of mathematics, science and modern foreign languages, and for minor remodeling of laboratories to accommodate the equipment.

From 1959-60, \$68.9 million will be spent; 1960-61, \$111.6 million; 1961-62, \$111.6 million. These estimates are from the United States Office of Education.

^{*}In the laboratory furniture industry alone, almost 10 per cent of the total labor force consists of layout men, draftsmen, engineers.

IN CONTRAST to the two-station, lecture-demonstration situation is this single-station laboratory at West Seattle High School in Seattle. Designed to accommodate 32 students, the total allotment of floor space is no greater than that shown in picture at lower right. This station enables an instructor to move freely from desk to desk, and students can easily see the instructor because the combination desk-laboratory tables are arranged in a stairstep fashion.



Single-Station Lab Solves Space, Supervision,

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I T ALL began about six years ago when we had an opportunity to design the space for science education in a new school. Since that time we have built new or remodeled or completed plans for chemistry and physics laboratories in seven high schools. By a process of successive refinements we have arrived at a plan that is meeting our objectives: the single-station laboratory.

Confronting us at the time of our initial planning were the drabness and general unattractiveness of existing science work space, along with extreme congestion. More space was needed, but the high cost of laboratory installations had to be dealt with. We also wished to improve safety standards and to make better use of instructors' time.

Design of the single-station arrangement, which is now par for Seattle, is intended to meet the requirements of science courses as they are taught today. After more than five years' experience with the combination sit-and-listen and laboratory work station, we find it to be more functional, safer, easier to supervise, and less congested than the traditional arrangement. There is easier movement of students and teachers away from each desk table (an important safety item), and

there is less confusion during labora-

The basic elements of Seattle's single-station laboratory represent a combination of the thinking of many persons as they have acquired experience with this facility. Major characteristics are:

- One Room. Students have only one station for lecture, recitation and laboratory work.
- 2. Tiered Seating. Students' combination desk-laboratory tables are arranged in a stairstep fashion, so that the combination desk tables are at successively higher stations. The sit-and-listen station is also the lab station.
- 3. One Chair. Students sit on stools at their table-desks for lectures and demonstrations. This formerly meant that they had to turn on their stools to face the front. A more recently designed swivel stool with back rest is meeting this objection.
- 4. Hideaway. Provisions are made to help relieve the difficult situation of a "floating" teacher. Space is provided for the teacher dispossessed from his laboratory to study or prepare for the next lecture at an illuminated desk with book shelves above it.
- 5. "Library." Alongside the laboratory (or back of it) is an auxiliary

work space where students may work during free periods under nominal visual supervision of an instructor without interfering with the class that he is conducting.

- 6. Storage. Since the chemistry laboratory is designed for the semi-micro technic, there is no side shelf for chemicals. Provision is made at three or four points around the perimeter of the room for electrically driven centrifuges, which have replaced the time consuming filtering process.
- 7. Exhaust. In the chemistry laboratory no fume hoods are provided. Instead, a single independent exhaust system is used. This the teacher controls. It is designed to remove gases at both the ceiling and floor levels. Exhaust ports are located in the risers at six points.
- 8. Compressed Air. In the master drawings compressed air is indicated for each student chemistry table and for both demonstration tables. However, this is not a requirement. We specify compressed air only in those cases in which we are close enough to the industrial arts shop to share its compressed air system.
- Outlets. The student tables in the physics laboratory have gas and electric outlets on the front of them.



Photo by the Seattle Times

Safety Problems

Thus they are not a nuisance during recitation or lecture sessions. In the physics laboratory, the only electrical service to the student tables is 110 A.C. We provide a number of portable low voltage D.C. power supplies.

10. Working Heights. For physics laboratory work two heights are available at student desks: a sit-down height on one side and a stand-up height on the other.

11. Traffic. Spacing between the rows of student tables is 4 feet. This permits the instructor during the laboratory session to walk about freely to every station, even though students are working back to back at neighboring rows.

12. Workroom. The student laboratory materials for physics are issued by the day and are stored in a series of drawers in the workroom. Materials can be checked out through a pass window at the front of the laboratory. This arrangement makes it possible for an instructor or a student assistant to prepare the materials (or lemonstration setups) even while the laboratory is in use by another class.

These various features in refined form have become typical of our chemistry and physics laboratory system in Seattle.



TRADITIONAL chemistry or physics laboratory consists of two areas. One includes a demonstration table for the instructor and tablet armchairs for students. The other provides working space for students to manipulate equipment. This is commonly called a two-station arrangement.

A New Emphasis on the 'How' of Physics

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MORE than 12,000 students, from Maine to California and from Washington to Florida, have just passed the halfway mark in a new kind of high school physics course.

Most reports give vivid pictures of students, and their teachers, working harder than ever before but finding a reward almost unique in their school experience. Most girls find that they are on the same footing with the boys because this new course is not based on the man's world of machines and gadgets.



PHYSICS STUDENTS measure the interrelation of force, mass and motion in Newton's law with a laboratory apparatus made of roller skate wheels, a piece of 2 by 4, bricks, rubber bands for applying force, and a doorbell buzzer for timing.

Reports from teachers vary considerably. Some believe that the course is suitable only for academically talented students. Others say that the slower students gain more, proportionately, than the brilliant ones. The problems in the text are more searching than most students have tackled before. But the feeling of satisfaction resulting from expanding powers of analysis and comprehension is new and exhilarating to many.

What is this new course? It is usually called the P.S.S.C. course because it has been developed by the Physical Science Study Committee,* a group of physicists, science teachers, and educators who became concerned about the quality of the physics courses usually available in the nation's high schools. Members of the committee knew that greater changes have taken place in knowledge and understanding of physics in the last 50 years than in the previous 500, and they found that the modern textbooks reflected almost none of this change. They believed strongly that, in a world where nonscientists are increasingly subjected to pressures resulting from scientific advances, the students of today should become familiar with the processes of science, and with its scope. In a country proud of its educational system, the familiar high school physics course was woefully out of date.

The P.S.S.C. course begins with a general introduction to the fundamental physical notions of time, space and matter: how we grasp and how we measure them. As the student learns of the almost boundless range of dimension, from the infinitesimally small to the immensely large, from millimicroseconds to billions of years, he also finds out how these quantities can be measured. Instrumentation becomes an extension of his own senses, and he learns to assemble, calibrate and use instruments in laboratory work. From experiments in time and space the student moves easily to an understanding of velocity and acceleration, of vectors and relative motion.

Things that move obviously have properties of their own. The structure and organization of materials, the concept of mass, the chemist's evidence for atomic and molecular sizes are all merged in an increasing awareness of matter. Direct experience is provided in the laboratory where, for instance, the size of an oil molecule is computed from measurements of the thin film produced on water by a drop of oil.

From this introduction many students emerge with a sense of the high adventure of science and with some of the attitudes they must have if they are to participate in that adventure, either through a career or as intelligent citizens in a science-minded world.

The broad picture is gradually filled in with carefully chosen detail. Here we begin with light, and the student moves easily into a study of sharp and diffuse shadows, reflection and refraction. An attempt to explain these phenomena leads to the development of a particle theory of light, which ultimately fails to predict the change in the velocity of light at an optical boundary. A wave theory is then developed as the only possible alternate, and the laboratory provides an unequaled means of becoming familiar with the characteristics of waves. Interference and diffraction are discovered in a ripple tank, for instance, before they are found in light.

Study Kinematics and Dynamics

The principal emphasis in the first half of the course is on the kinematics of our world: where things are, how big they are, and how they move, not why. The second half of the course begins with a study of dynamics, the effects of a force, the concepts of energy and momentum. Simple laboratory apparatus constructed from roller skate wheels, a piece of 2 by 4, bricks as masses, rubber bands for applying

^{*}The Physical Science Study Committee was organized in 1956 at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The work of the committee has been sponsored by the National Science Foundation, the Fund for the Advancement of Education, the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, and other organizations. Educational Services Incorporated, which now administers the work of the Physical Science Study Committee, is a nonprofit corporation created in part for this purpose in December 1958.

forces, a doorbell buzzer as a time standard enable students to measure the interrelations of force, mass and motion. The apparatus is simple; the concepts developed from it are penetratingly general.

The extraordinary story of the discovery of universal gravitation, as a prediction, as an extension of theory and known laws, as the result of an educated guess, becomes a saga of intellectual achievement. The continued expansion of knowledge, the building of new upon old, the open-endedness of the future appear as truths from experience, the history of mankind.

The significance of submicroscopic particles as the cause of physical and chemical changes observed on a macroscopic scale is continued into the final part of the course. The electrical and magnetic properties of matter are conceived as a fundamental characteristic of these submicroscopic particles. But the same properties become a powerful tool for understanding the nature of the particles, both their external and their internal structure. Experi-

mental facts clearly tie electric phenomena to the electromagnetic spectrum and, therefore, back to light. But light, in the photo-electric effect, appears to have particle properties in addition to the wave properties discovered earlier in the course. Thus we find photons and, through them, the energy levels in atoms. The Bohr model of the atom acquires a meaning that could not be obtained without this careful construction of atomic concepts.

New Learning Aids Are Created

The new course has gradually evolved from the joint efforts of several hundred people. From the beginning, in 1956, it was apparent that the problem was tremendous. A completely new set of learning aids was needed, including text, laboratory instructions and apparatus, films, examinations, and material for supplementary reading. During the last three years, these aids have been laboriously created, carefully and widely tested, and then rebuilt. Now these aids are being read-

ied for commercial production.

The new course in physics is only one of several educational changes now taking place in high schools. For several years, mathematics teachers have been testing the new approaches of the College Board Commission on mathematics, the University of Illinois Committee on School Mathematics, and the School Mathematics Study Group at Yale University. All of these groups have produced a variety of text materials and their programs are being used experimentally in a number of schools. The Chemical Bond Approach Committee, based at Earlham College in Richmond, Ind., has a new text, "Chemistry" partially written and being tried in nine high schools. The biologists have joined forces with the Biological Sciences Curriculum Study Group to produce a set of teaching films and suggestions for material to go in textbooks.

The foregoing developments are all part of a general reevaluation of educational content and procedures stirring the country today.

Institute for Biological Sciences Sponsors Flexible Curriculum, Films and Lectures

THREE educational projects are being sponsored by the American Institute of Biological Sciences: a curriculum study, a biological sciences film series, and visiting lecturers.

Curriculum Study. The curriculum study began last February on the campus of the University of Colorado, Boulder, with initial grants from the National Science Foundation. While the program will study and evaluate the biological curriculum at all levels, presently it is centered on the secondary area. Arnold Grobman of the University of Florida is the director.

"There is no intention on the part of the committees to establish a rigid, standard biology course for the country, or to lay claim to a definitive course," states Martha J. Acker, assistant director of educational activities for A.I.B.S. Rather, they hope that the resulting courses, textbooks and manuals will encourage individuals to write additional texts and make

further studies regarding new developments, Dr. Acker reports.

Much of the curriculum work is being done by five major committees within five areas: content, innovations in laboratory instruction, teacher preparation, gifted students, and publications. A large number of professional biologists are involved. Goal of the writing conference to be held this summer is to produce a sample textbook and laboratory manual, which subsequently is to be tested in 100 schools in 10 population centers. Preliminary editions are to be released for the 1961-62 academic year.

Films. The biological film series is planned primarily for the 10th grade. The course, expected to be ready for use by next fall, is to consist of 120 lecture-demonstration films of 30 minutes' duration, each closely correlated with the teachers' manuals and study guides. Films are to be available singly, in combination, or as a set.

Visiting Lecturers. The high school lecturers' program, started last fall as a successor to the college speakers' program, is intended to develop intellectual curiosity about the biological sciences. Students meet with scientists to learn new developments.

Flexibility Is Keynote

Keynote of the entire, three-part A.I.B.S. program is flexibility in the arrangement of its many parts. Each teacher will be encouraged to continue to teach in his own way and by his own method, for the Institute believes that standardization would breed mediocrity. The program is flexible mainly because it makes allowances for the inevitable changes that come with rapid advances in science.

"It is especially important that school administrators become cognizant of this new curriculum study," declares Arnold B. Grobman, director of the American Institute of Biological Sciences. "For eventually it will be their responsibility to act on any recommendations that may come forth from this investigation."

Science Teachers Express Opinions On Administration Practices

H OW well does the administrator understand the problems faced by those who teach science courses?

Five hundred members of the National Science Teachers Association, selected at random, were given an opportunity to express their opinion on this problem in a survey conducted by James Irving, executive secretary of the Laboratory Equipment Section of Scientific Apparatus Makers Association, Chicago. The teachers re-

sponded to a list of basic principles for planning, based upon ideas furnished Mr. Irving by 30 teachers of science in both elementary and secondary schools.

The Nation's Schools was permitted to examine the entire survey. Reproduced here are the responses to 16 questions received from 344 (68.8 per cent) of the 500 to whom the questionnaire was mailed.

The teachers also were asked to list

the types of equipment "needed most" by science education departments where shortages exist. The "most needed" items reported are as follows:

BIOLOGY: microscopes, audio-visual equipment (including slides), specimens (including models and charts), gas, sinks, water facilities for individual groups, glass tubes, more furniture and facilities, electrical equipment, dissecting kits and pans, chemical balances, kymograph, centrifuges, sterilizer or autoclave, transfer chambers, fume hood, spectroscopes.

CHEMISTRY: exhaust fan or hood, microscopes, test tubes, ring stands, and

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	PRINCIPLES FOR PLANNING	Agree (per Cent)	No Opin. (per Cent)	Disagree (per Cent)
1.	Administrators realize that science classrooms are atypical and that free room time is necessary to set up laboratory work	48.4	7.4	44.3
2.	Principal and/or superintendent understand necessary physical fa- cilities (location and size, furniture, value of light exposures, and the like) are needed for science instruction	59.2	5.3	35.5
3.	The teaching demonstration is favored by our administrator over individual student laboratory work	20.3	44.9	77.1
4.	Student and teacher research facilities are readily available	21.5	7.7	70.8
5.	The administrator in our school has implicit confidence in my recommendations for improvement of science education	57.6	17.7	24.7
6.	Teaching and student laboratory space is adequate	29.4	0.3	70.3
	The cost of teaching apparatus and instruments prevents our acquiring adequate laboratory and demonstration items	49.4	6.2	44.4
	Administrators understand that the science curriculum is a K-12 experience	59.1	13.6	27.3
	Our science facilities are flexible and adaptable to a variety of student interests, capabilities and needs	44.2	9.1	46.6
	In general, administrators encourage joining professional societies and attendance at meetings of these societies	77.3	9.0	13.7
11.	In planning for laboratory furniture, our administrator and faculty members suggest to the architect the type and kind of furniture best suited to our specific needs	83.2	3.9	12.9
12.	Administrators realize the peculiarly significant maintenance needs of the science department and exert every effort to see that plumbing and electrical repairs are attended to quickly	54.8	7.2	38.0
13.	Science teachers are excused from such duties as the study hall, because our administrator realizes a special need for prepara-			
1.4	tion time	11.2	4.7	84.1
	Administrators place too high a value on textbooks and laboratory manuals	13.2	33.7	53.1
	Science education is being overemphasized in relation to the total curriculum	10.5	6.4	83.1
16.	Television, motion pictures, and audio-visual aids will some day replace teacher demonstrations and student laboratory work	4.4	3.2	92.4

Seven-state study, revealing inadequate
financing of school science programs and lack
of acceleration paints bleak picture of

Today's Facilities and Equipment

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BETTER science teaching depends partly – and importantly – on the right kind of space and on adequate equipment. Many high schools lack appropriate space, and many lack the equipment and supplies for good science instruction.

To learn just what the present picture is in regard to science facilities and equipment, a seven-state study was carried on during 1958-59 under a research grant from the U. S. Office of Education. The figures are now in.*

The University of Toledo directed the research, aided by state committees in Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, North Dakota, Ohio, South Carolina, and Wisconsin.

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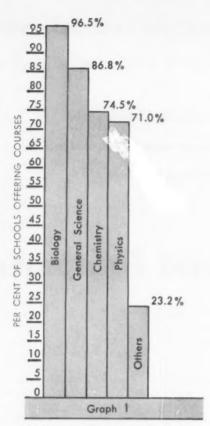
Teams of specialists traveled to 855 high schools selected at random from those offering one or more courses in science. The specialists observed matters at first hand. For their interviews in each school they used uniform guide sheets and check lists. The material they accumulated was brought back to their state director and thence to the university research staff, and these data then were processed mechanically.

What is the picture? It's certainly not reassuring.

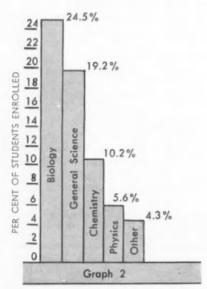
More than half the schools studied do not have the space required for laboratory work. Six out of every 10 schools visited were found to be using improvised equipment, and using it extensively. While certain academic programs seemed to have plenty of money per student participant, funds for sci-



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COURSES OFFERED. Graph shows per cent of 855 schools offering each of the science courses.



ENROLLMENT: Graph shows per cent of students enrolled in each of the science courses offered in 855 schools.

Fewer than half

ence education in the same schools were meager — obviously inadequate. Equipment for good physics teaching was especially poor. Physics fared worst; chemistry best.

The high schools studied constitute one-fourth of the public secondary schools in the seven states. Of the 855, there were 282 junior-senior highs, 512 regular four-year highs, and 51 senior highs. In the six-year schools, data covering the 7th and 8th grades were not tabulated.

While some of the schools were small (fewer than 200 students), the students enrolled there represented only one-ninth of the 366,712 students in all of the schools surveyed. Two-thirds of the students attended schools with more than a thousand enrollees.

Who did the interviewing? High school science teachers, county and state science consultants, or college and university professors of science or science education made up the state survey teams. They met for instruction on procedures before, during and following their school visits. At a final state meeting, over-all evaluations of the current status of facilities and equipment were formulated for that state.

Toward Multipurpose Rooms

Certain general trends are reported. Coming into favor is the combined science classroom-laboratory (multipurpose room). In smaller high schools, the combined classroom-lab is equipped for teaching two or more subjects. In general, the large schools have science rooms equipped for a single science subject. Usually the larger the school the better the equipment and the better the facilities for teaching science.

Students still pay breakage and laboratory fees in one-fifth of the schools. Science teachers, principals or superintendents make purchases di-

of our schools have adequate laboratory space!

rectly from the supply houses, in most cases. Only 10 per cent of the schools pool their orders and submit them to suppliers for bids. Few schools get science funds or equipment donations from outside sources, except, of course, federal surplus property.

The portion of schools that schedule a given science subject varies from year to year. Many schools alternate physics and chemistry courses, and also biology and general science. Graph 1 depicts the science courses offered in the 855 high schools. It will be seen that 96.5 per cent offered biology courses; 86.8 per cent, general science; 74.5 per cent, chemistry; 71.0 per cent physics, and 23.2 per cent, other science courses. "Other" courses were principally physical science, advanced general science, and physiology.

Graph 2 shows the percentage of students enrolled in traditional science courses in the 855 high schools. Almost two-thirds (63.7 per cent) of the students were taking one or more science subjects last year. Graph 3 shows the grade level at which students were taking a particular science course.

Here are some specific findings in the seven-state study:

Rooms Used for Science Instruction (in four enrollment categories in the 855 schools in 1958-59): For 1 to 199 students, 1.2 rooms; for 200 to 499 students, 2.0 rooms; for 500 to 999 students, 3.3 rooms; for 1000 or more students, 6.8 rooms.

Types of Rooms: Most prevalent, combination classroom-laboratory for teaching one science subject or combination classroom-laboratory for teaching two or more science subjects; regular classrooms, 20 per cent; least prevalent, separate classroom and laboratory designed for a single subject and regular classroom equipped with movable lecture and demonstration tables.

Presentation Facilities in Science Classrooms: Ninety per cent or more of the high schools had chalkboards, A.C. electric outlets, picture projection equipment, running water, bulletin board, lecture-demonstration desk, and gas outlet. Fewer than 30 per cent had science rooms containing elevated seating or elevated lecture-demonstration desk, D.C. electric outlets, and compressed air outlets.

Facilities in Laboratories: From 70 to 90 per cent had A.C. electric outlets, storage cupboards, gas outlets on each desk, running water and a sink or trough on each table or desk, separate storage-supply rooms, and student equipment lockers. Between 50 and 70 per cent had a window and wall shelves, running water in laboratories but not on desk or table, reagent and/or storage shelves, and fume hoods. Less than 25 per cent had D.C. electrical outlets and compressed air outlets.

Lighting and Ventilation: Most of the schools had adequate lighting and ventilation in both science classrooms and laboratories, in the opinion of the survey teams.

Stockroom-Storage Facilities: Adequate in 65 per cent of schools.

Laboratory Space for Students: Adequate in 46.6 per cent of schools.

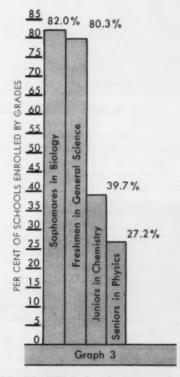
Ratings. Over-all science equipment ratings made by the state committees were reported in this order: chemistry, fair plus; general science, fair; biology, fair minus; physics, poor.

Budgeting for Equipment: Of the 855 schools, 58.9 per cent had annual budgets specifically earmarked for science equipment, equipment being defined as items that can be used over and over again. The total funds provided by these budgets in 1958-59 amounted to \$451,358, or an average of almost \$900 for the 503 schools. Compared with the 1957-58 budgets, the 1958-59 budgets represented an

increase for 51.3 per cent of the schools; no change for 32.8 per cent, and a decrease for 15.9 per cent.

Budgeting for Supplies: Of the 855 schools, 51.9 per cent had 1958-59 budgets for supplies (consumable items). These made available a total of \$169,488, or an average of \$382 for the 443 schools. Compared with the 1957-58 allotment, the 1958-59 budgets represented an increase for 39 per cent of the schools; no change for 49 per cent; a decrease for 12 percent of the schools.

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GRADE LEVELS. Graph shows grade levels at which students study each science course offered in 855 schools.

Combined Budgets for Equipment and Supplies: For 1958-59 funds available to the schools with budgets totaled \$620,846. Divided by the 233,544 science students, this averaged out at \$2.66 available per science student. Reported by enrollment categories the figures were: from 1 to 199 students, \$3.90 per student; from 200 to 499, \$2.88; from 500 to 999, \$2.50; 1000 and more, \$2.26.

Out-of-School Funds: Of the schools studied, 7.6 per cent received funds for the purchase of science equipment and supplies from local P.T.A.'s; almost 3.4 per cent received such aid from interested parents, citizens, local industry, colleges, and school benefit programs and parties. Other minor sources of funds were service clubs, hospitals, doctors' offices, admission receipts from exhibits and science fairs, and local scientific societies.

Purchasing Practices

Procurement Procedures: Most frequently, orders were placed by the science teachers with the superintendent and central purchasing agency consummating the transaction.

Pooled Orders: Only 9.4 per cent of high school science teachers grouped their orders and submitted them for competitive bids.

Direct Orders: In 15.8 per cent of the schools science teachers were permitted to order directly from supply houses.

F.S.P.A. Program: About 30 per cent of the schools had obtained some science equipment from the Federal Surplus Property Administration.

Improvised Equipment: This type of items was utilized by 57.7 per cent of the schools studied.

Maintenance Practices

New Equipment: About two-thirds of the schools had equipment that was fairly new or more new than outdated; it was being well maintained.

Setting-Up Time: Only 34 per cent of the schools provided time in the science teacher's schedule for setting up equipment for laboratory and demonstration work.

Maintenance Time: Only 18.1 per cent of the schools allowed time in the science teacher's schedule for maintenance and care of equipment, yet equipment was well maintained in 40 per cent of the schools.

Only 52.3 per cent of the high schools kept inventories of science equipment and supplies. Inventories taken by members of the state committee were utilized to determine the number of items available per school, per classroom, and per student in science.

Analysis of Equipment Use: Considerable variation was noted in the quantity of science equipment available and the number of science students per unit in the various sizes of high schools. As the size of the schools increased, the variety of items and the number of each item also increased. Even though the large schools had a greater number of science students per item of equipment than the small schools, they had several class sections of each science subject, so the net number of students per item decreased substantially as the school size increased.

An example illustrating the interpretation of inventory data follows: In the 257 high schools having enrollments of 200 to 499, the equivalent of 960 biology students was deprived of firsthand classroom experience with a microscope. As the size of the high school increased, the average number of microscopes per school also increased; so did the gross number of students per microscope, except for a slight decrease in the 1000 or more students category.

On the other hand, the number of students per microscope was the lowest in the largest schools. Student microscopes were lacking in a higher per cent of the smaller high schools than in the larger ones. Except for the smallest schools, the number of students deprived of contact with this instrument decreased substantially as school size increased. About one-twelfth of the biology students were in schools not having a microscope for their use.

Semi-Micro Equipment: This was available in only 10.2 per cent of the 636 high schools offering chemistry during the 1958-59 academic year.

Tools: Very few science departments had an adequate assortment. The supply in sample schools was such that from one-fourth to one-third of the schools might have had a table vice, hand saw, hack saw and crescent wrench. From one-half to two-thirds might have had a wire cutter and hammer. Four-fifths might have had a

pair of pliers. All of the schools had a screwdriver.

A considerable variation was noted in the quantity of science equipment available and the number of students per unit in the various sizes of high schools. Yet a greater portion of high school students is studying sciences today than three years ago.

Roughly one-half of the high schools studied lacked adequate space for laboratory work, and one-third of them lacked proper science equipment storage facilities. The location of science classrooms and laboratories is such that minor enlargements and modernization are feasible in about one-half of the schools. Storage space is at a premium.

As conventional fuels and the Iron Age give way to the Atomic and Space Era, can the American people, the elected school board members, and the school administrators expect science programs to keep abreast of the times when annual budgets are provided in only 59 per cent of the high schools; when the amounts provided in one-half of the schools in 1958-59 represented no change or a decrease from the preceding year, and when about one-fifth of the schools require science students to pay breakage and laboratory fees?

Science teachers should be able to depend upon an appropriate amount of money each year for the procurement of equipment and supplies. This would permit long-range planning and a steady improvement in the variety and quantity of laboratory and other instructional equipment. A guaranteed basic allotment per science student is one effective way by which projected budgets can be estimated. A change in purchasing procedures could result in a more efficient use of available science funds.

Many investigators, including James B. Conant, indicate that schools enrolling fewer than 500 students cannot offer the educational opportunities present in the larger schools. Every effort should be made, therefore, to bring about consolidation of small high school districts, thereby broadening the base for adequate financing of the total school program, including science education.

Copies of the complete report can be obtained by writing to the Research Foundation, University of Toledo, Toledo 6, Ohio. Send 25 cents in coin to cover mailing costs.



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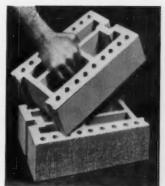
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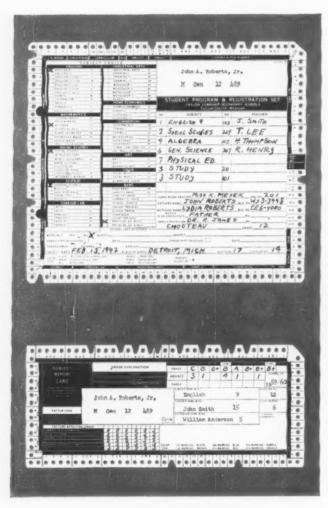
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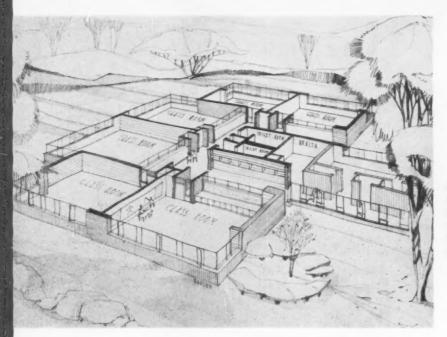
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SINGLE CLUSTER of the new elementary school in Rapid City, S.D., shows six classrooms, two lavatories, a janitors room, and a health area. Architects are Perkins and Will of Chicago.

Cluster Plan Fits Rapid City's Needs

This article is based on an interview with Paul C. Stevens, superintendent of schools in Rapid City, S.D. WHEN their new elementary school is dedicated, the people of Rapid City, S.D., will be sending their children to a group of separate little schools that represent a community-endorsed version of the cluster plan.

How does the *cluster plan* work? What makes it good — or bad? Rapid City demanded answers to these questions when it chose this plan for a school as yet unnamed and still in the construction stage.

Two committees, one composed of educators,* and the other of community representatives of building trades, with Merle A. Stoneman, professor of school administration at the University of Nebraska serving as educational consultant for both, asked the archi-

tects to submit three separate plans.

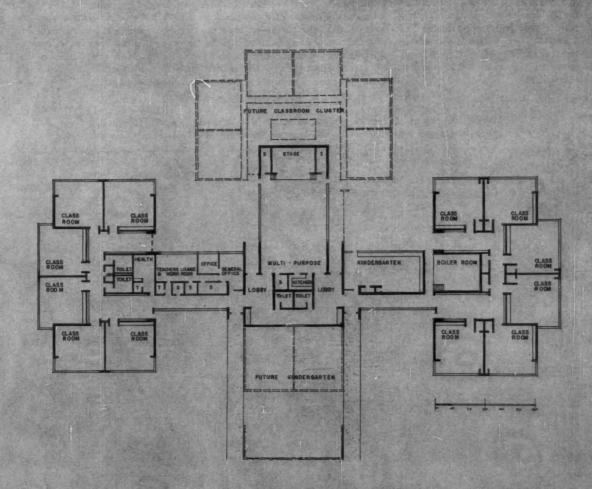
The architects, Perkins & Will, Chicago, and Aukerman & Mazourek, associate architects, Rapid City, submitted these plans: Plan A, basically a double-loaded corridor; Plan B, a single-loaded corridor, and Plan C, a cluster. After the two committees had studied and considered these plans, each cast its vote in favor of the cluster plan.

In recommending the cluster plan, the architects directed attention to the expansion possibilities it offered. They cited Rapid City's fast growing popula-

^oMembership was selected by the superintendent's cabinet. Serving on the committee were two elementary principals, the supervisor of elementary education, the assistant superintendent, the director of public information, and two elementary teachers.

SCHOOLHOUSE PLANNING

PROVISIONS for a future classroom cluster and kindergarten are shown in this floor plan (below) of Rapid City's new elementary school. The possibilities for expansion with a minimum of expense was a major reason for selecting the cluster plan. And Rapid City may need to expand this building because there is no indication that the peak in school enrollment has been reached.



tion since World War II, with no indication that the peak in school enrollment has been reached. They also reminded the committees that additional clusters, included as part of the original planning for the future, can be added with a minimum of expense.

Further, the architects said, the cluster plan is "intimate" and gives the child identity. It doesn't have the "forbidding look and environment" of a more conventional plan. They also advised the committees that the cluster plan's simplified construction results in a lower initial cost and that danger from fire is reduced by the diversified plan.

In making its recommendation, the educational committee considered the grade separation made possible by the cluster plan of great assistance in the instructional program. (See plan on page 115.) Each group has its own play area. All groups use the same multipurpose room for indoor play and for creative activities that require more space than the classrooms afford.

Supt. Paul C. Stevens believes that the children in each cluster will be a more closely knit group, sharing like interests. They will have the advantages of facilities afforded by a larger school while enjoying a smaller school atmosphere. Also influencing the educational committee's vote for the cluster plan is the placement of rooms and corridors, which permits easy movement of children. When children in one cluster, or even in one classroom within the cluster, are required to leave the room in a group, they can do so with a minimum of disturbance.

The citizens committee was composed of a contractor, a construction engineer, a consulting engineer, a plumbing contractor, a construction superintendent, an electrical contractor, a representative of the painters, and the manager of the Rapid City Builders' Exchange. In arriving at similar conclusions, the citizens group also was impressed by what the cluster plan offers in grade separation and sheltered play areas. Too, it admired the good appearance of the building despite the number of clusters, and regarded the cluster design for schools as "advanced educational and architectural thinking.'

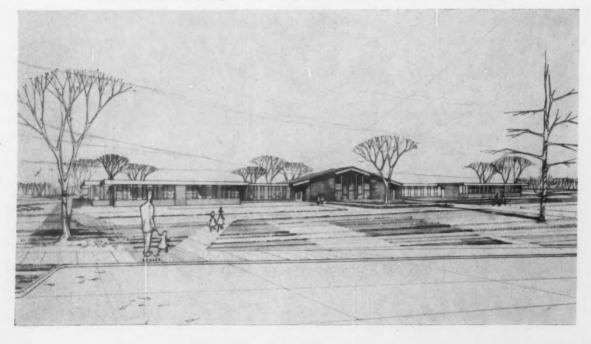
"This last point is most important," Supt. Stevens says. "We often underestimate the desires of a community to go beyond the traditional concept of architectural and educational planning. It was a pleasant surprise when all groups recommended the cluster plan."

Exterior walls of the school are face brick with dense concrete block backup. Interior partitions generally are concrete block with some face brick. Ceramic tile floors will be used in all toilet rooms and behind corridor drinking fountains. Structural glazed tile walls are specified for the toilets. Other floor surfaces will be asphalt tile, with vinyl asbestos being used in the kitchen.

From the recommendations and endorsements of the cluster plan given by the architects and the two committees, it might appear that this plan is the solution to all problems of school construction. This is not true, the architects are quick to point out. There are restrictions that should be considered along with advantages.

First, there is the matter of site. For most effective use of the cluster plan more land is required than for the same number of classrooms in more conventional plans. Not all sites will adapt to the cluster. Second, because of the small self-contained school atmosphere of the cluster plan, a teaching staff willing to accept more onthe-spot administrative responsibility is needed. It has been found, according to Rapid City school officials, that most teaching staffs welcome this challenge. — J.J.B.

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The story of a divided custodial service with part of the work being done under contract

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Superintendent of Schools, Kennedy, Minn.
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A NY plan that promises to reduce the cost of a school service by as much as one-fourth deserves administrative exploration. This is the conviction of Charles Honn, superintendent of Pleasant Valley School District, Camarillo, Calif., following two years of experience with a partnership type of school maintenance program.

Pleasant Valley has achieved major financial and administrative benefits by utilizing the services of a professional cleaning firm in combination with the district's own custodial employes. The school staff maintains the offices, library, cafeteria and grounds, while the private operator provides daily cleaning and custodial functions in classrooms, halls and lavatories.

The first year under the cooperative arrangement the district's outlay for custodial services was reduced by 28 per cent. During the second year weekly cleaning of the auditorium and kitchen and of an eight-room school was added to the schedule. "We are very happy with the service arrangement and are planning to continue the program for the third year," Superintendent Honn reports.

Over-all advantages realized under the dual custodial plan include the following:

1. Recruiting, training and supervision have been virtually eliminated. Previously the task of employing competent janitorial help, in competition with the rapidly expanding defense installations of the area, equalled or exceeded that of obtaining competent teachers. The contract was signed

after the district found it necessary to seek the 12th replacement in less than two years.

2. Finding full-time employment for a full school staff during the summer months no longer is a problem. Since the district has no financial responsibility to the contractor during the months when school is not in session, savings accrue. At the same time the school's reduced staff can be employed the year round and utilized more effectively.

3. Cleaning efficiency has improved. Rigid job specifications and supervision requirements written into the contract, the methods and equipment used by the contractor, and the highly trained personnel have been responsible for better results than those achieved by traditional procedures. Teachers, asked to appraise the two types of programs, rated 10 of 11 services as performed in a superior manner under the contract plan, with an overall advantage of 10 per cent.

4. Economies are being realized. The contractor provides his own cleaning equipment, materials and supplies, which have been purchased in volume at prices that the district would find it difficult to duplicate. Use of special equipment enables the contract personnel to cover an unusual amount of square footage of floor space daily. The larger staff allows for division of labor, with specific crews moving with almost assembly line precision from one job to another and specializing in one task each.

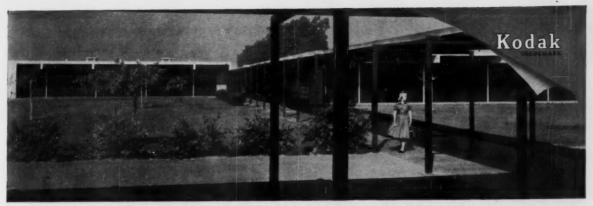
5. Administration and clerical time has been reduced. Under the partnership arrangement, time required for record keeping and supervision of the program has been more than halved. Formerly the school district had difficulty attracting competent janitorial applicants. Now the contractor frequently has a large reservoir of unplaced persons.

6. Budget estimating can be done more scientifically. Since the cost of the contracted work is determined by the contractor's bid, the total year's requirements for custodial services can be gauged accurately.

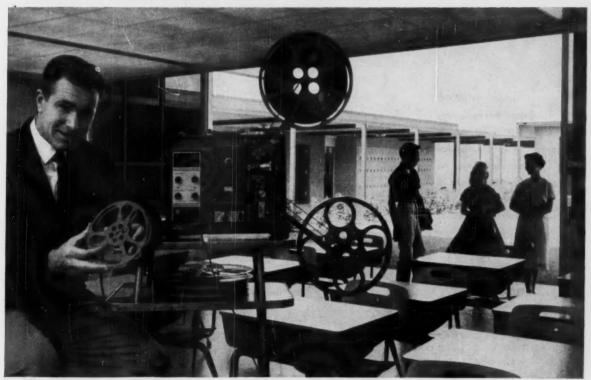
Superintendent Honn highly recommends the contract procedure and believes other schools could benefit from the experience of Pleasant Valley.

The firm with which Pleasant Valley entered into contract is a licensed and insured firm. It has earned an excellent reputation for fine quality of work performed in more than 100 industrial, commercial and professional buildings and offices in the area. Usually in any city several janitorial contracting firms are equipped to do large-scale cleaning in public schools.

While opportunities exist for extending the partnership principle in the school custodial field, a nucleus of school employed personnel always will be needed, Superintendent Honn believes. A school crew will be required as site custodians, maintenance men, and to take care of daytime emergencies that not even the best regulated system can anticipate.



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Jane Writes to The Nation's Schools

When I first arrived in Holland, I wondered where all the wooden shoes and windmills were. I finally came to my senses and realized that Holland is much more than wooden shoes and windmills.

The entire country is very beautiful. I can say this for I have traveled over almost all of it. Holland looks very small on the map, but when one is here it is not hard to see how wisely the land of Holland is used. Not a bit of it is wasted.

The people are most wonderful. Take my Dutch family, for instance. I don't feel uneasy with them at all. We do many things together, and it seems as if I had been here for years, not months.

At school the teen-agers have made me a real member of the group. They all speak English very well, but most of the time we talk in Dutch.

There is nothing I dislike about being an exchange student. I agree with my parents in saying that, if through young people's exchanges world peace can be brought about, everyone should be an exchange student. I am trying my best to be an ambassador of good will from America.—Jane L. Gottfried.

Along with 45
other teen-agers,
Jane Gottfried, 16, is
promoting international
understanding. As
an exchange student in
The Netherlands,
she takes seriously
her role as a
representative of America.



STUDENTS in The Netherlands seem amused at the manner in which Jane Gottfried (third from right) takes notes. Jane is an exchange student at Hymens Lyceum (high school) in Groningen, the northernmost province.

Our Daughter Is an 'Ambassador'

F. J. GOTTFRIED

Superintendent of Schools Elyria, Ohio

Our daughter is an exchange student in The Netherlands. She is taking her 11th grade courses at Hymens Lyceum (high school) in Groningen, the country's northernmost province. The daughter of the family in Harem with whom Jane is living is attending our high school in Elyria and has fitted herself into an American home.

At the end of almost a year, Jane will be back home — a lot wiser about the world. And one small portion of the world may be a little wiser about the United States, for Jane writes that she is "trying her best to be an ambassador of good will from America."

A parent has mixed feelings as he sees a 16 year old sail away with 45 other boys and girls of high school age to take a long leave from home and community. Most of these teen-agers were going to live and study in West Germany.

The TSS New York on which Jane sailed had brought 106 European youngsters to the United States the day before, under the sponsorship of International Youth Exchange, an organization with which several Protestant church groups are affiliated. The two sets of youngsters had one day together at Pennington School in New Jersey, which serves as an orientation center.

In our daughter's case, the First Congregational Church in Elyria is sponsoring the two-way exchange, with a cash outlay of \$1200. This amount covers the round trip voyages of the two students, an orientation session of 10 days' duration, and part of the expenses of the host families. The parents of the exchange students provide the many extras incidental to a year's stay abroad, including clothing and transportation within the country visited, as well as the procuring of a passport, photographs and luggage.

Our daughter's preparation for the year abroad included visits to many local industries and points of interest, so that she might be a better informed ambassador of good will. She started writing letters before the ship anchored at Bremerhaven, Germany, and through her correspondence is keeping many hometown people well informed on life in Europe.

Studies Foreign Languages

Learning foreign languages is an important part of this exchange program. Jane is studying Dutch, French, Spanish and English in high school over there, with Dutch becoming her spoken language. She is also learning a great deal about the government, local and national history, and ways of living in that delightful country. Re-

cently, through the U.S. State Department and the efforts of the local Dutch committee, Jane visited the Hague, saw the queen, and attended a session of the Dutch Parliament. Many such experiences will be hers during this year abroad.

Must Be 'Sold' on Trip Abroad

As parents, we are not ready to evaluate the exchange program, for scarcely half the year has elapsed. But we recognized the values to be gained before our daughter was finally chosen to represent her church and this community on the bases of scholarship, character, maturity and adaptability. It appears important to the success of the program that the student herself be completely sold on the prospects of a year abroad, away from everything important to teen-agers back home. The differences in ways of living, transportation, schools and their operation, all tend to test the mettle of the student.

In a world of jet planes and rapid communication, it seems as though understanding between the peoples of the world is becoming of greater importance each year. Through such efforts as this involving our daughter, we hope that our nation and our world will have come a little closer to the goal of world peace.

Why School Boards Need Legal Counsel

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A SCHOOL board that fails to employ an attorney may find itself operating in a legal vacuum, and the result may be costly or even disastrous. The importance and value of employing competent legal assistance are illustrated by a recent Texas case.

This was an action brought by the state of Texas against six members of the seven-man school board of the Tabasco Consolidated Independent School District, seeking to remove them from office because of their failure to place or print the name of Hamp Edwards on a ballot for a school board election.

The case was heard by a jury in the lower court, and, based upon its verdict, the court removed the trustees from office. They, in turn, appealed, and the lower court's decision then was reversed.

Board Obtains Legal Advice

Evidence indicated that the board first decided to leave the name of Hamp Edwards off the ballot because he failed to file a loyalty oath. Later he discovered this omission and filed his loyalty affidavit. Then the board decided to obtain legal advice.

There appeared to be some dispute as to the advice given the board by its attorney, but it was clear that the appellants were under the impression, from the advice received, that while the tardy filing of the loyalty oath was not sufficient grounds for withholding Mr. Edwards' name from the ballot, there were other legal grounds for justifying its action. A previous action had been brought, and a writ of mandamus had been issued against the board requiring it to place Mr. Edwards' name on the ballot.

On advice of counsel, the board decided to appeal that judgment, but, before it could be heard in the court of civil appeals, the question became moot, because the election had already been held, apparently. It was following this that this action was brought. It was, of course, too late for Mr. Edwards to get his name on the ballot, and the real question was whether the board had acted corruptly and willfully.

There was no statute specifying the form and substance of the application necessary to get one's name on the ballot for school trustee. One statute, however, did require that an application should be in writing, signed by the candidate, and duly acknowledged. It also provided that it should contain the county of his residence, postal address, age and occupation.

The statute under which the case was prosecuted provided for the removal of officers for, among other things, official misconduct, and was, for that reason, construed as penal in character. The plaintiffs, appellees here, contended that the defendants were guilty of violating a statute that made it a felony for an officer charged with the duty of preparing and printing a ballot to omit from the ballot the name of a candidate whose nomination had been certified to it.

No Evidence of Malice

The court rejected this contention because the names of none of the candidates involved had needed to be certified to the board. It ruled that the only possible charge that could be brought against the appellants was that they were charged by law with preparing the ballot and having it printed and that they willfully and corruptly refused to have plaintiff's name printed thereon after receiving a proper application so to do.

In commenting on this, however, the court recognized that the statute did not expressly make it the duty of the board to receive applications and prepare the ballot. Only by implication could this duty be imputed to it. Consequently, it held the appellants not guilty of this charge on the ground that "before a public official should be removed from office for failure to perform a duty, the law should plainly enjoin such duty upon him." Even so, it was held that the record failed to show that the appellants had acted willfully and corruptly in the matter under consideration.

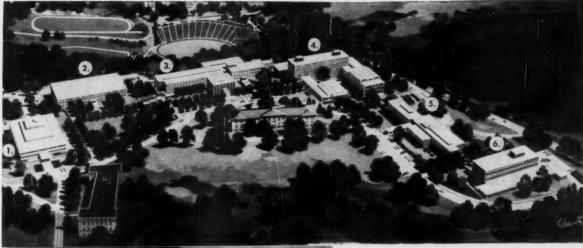
The court noted that there were two political parties in the Tabasco School District and that Mr. Edwards belonged to the opposite party from that of the appellants. While it might, therefore, be assumed that the unfriendly political attitude between the board and Mr. Edwards could, to some extent, have motivated the board, the court reasoned that it was not shown that the board had acted willfully or corruptly.

The court said: "Public officials are presumed to do their duty, and where as here a board of laymen sought a legal opinion from a reputable lawyer as to their duties under the circumstances, and then followed that legal opinion, they have not acted willfully or corruptly."

In commenting on this further, the court said: "It is clear that appellants . . . acted upon the advice of their counsel, and even though their counsel may have been mistaken in his legal opinion, appellants should not be subjected to the harsh remedy of removal from office, where they have sought and followed legal advice. Such conduct cannot be said to be willful and corrupt."

This case serves as a prime illustration of why school boards should make use of legal counsel. If they do so, and follow the advice given them, it will, at least, serve as evidence that they acted from proper motives.

^{*}Reyna et al. v. The State of Texas ex rel. Hamp Edwards et al., 319 S.W. (2d) 28 (Texas).





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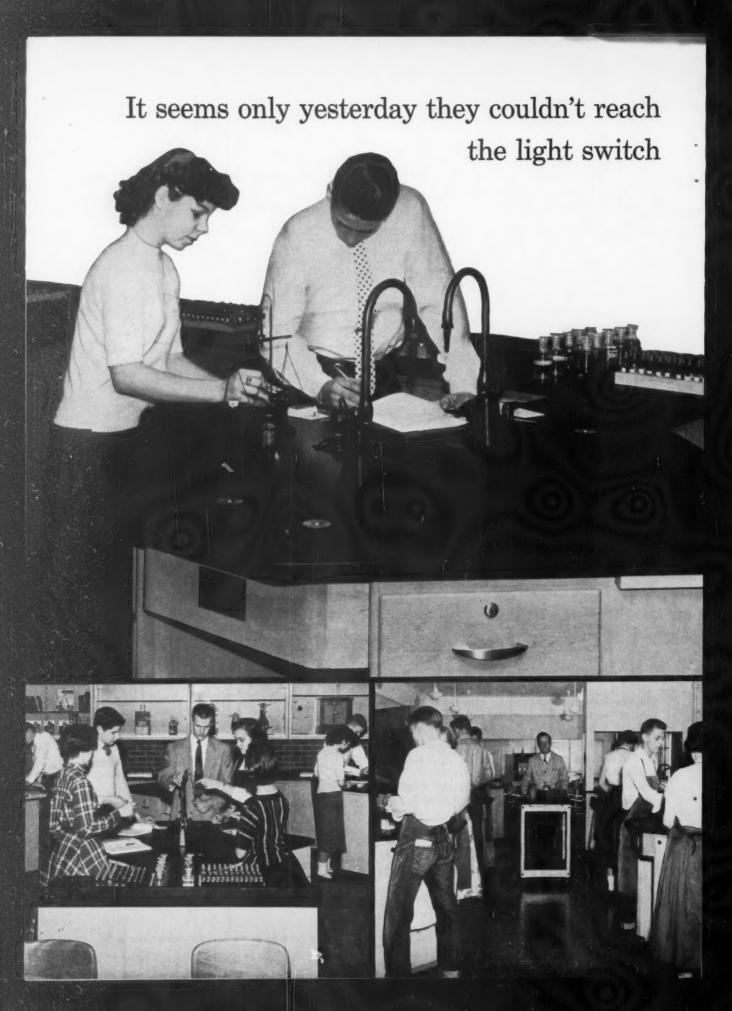
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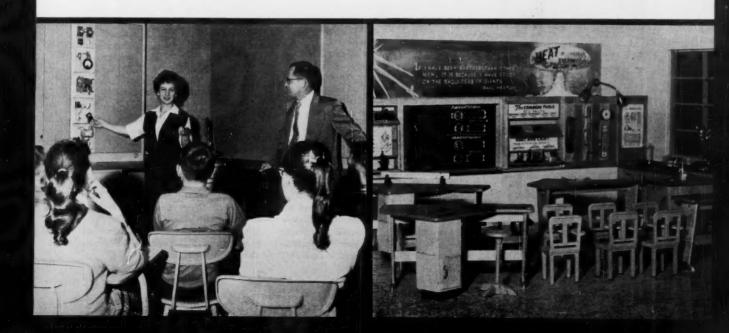
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NEWS IN REVIEW

Chicago's Benjamin Willis Is A.A.S.A. President-Elect; Texan Irby Carruth Elected to Office of Vice President

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Benjamin C. Willis, general superintendent of Chicago public schools, is the new president-elect of the American Association of School Administrators. Final ballots were counted here on January 7 by the A.A.S.A. board of tellers.

Dr. Willis went to Chicago in 1953, after holding similar positions in Buffalo and Yonkers, N.Y. Born in Baltimore, he began his career as an educator in the historic Chesapeake Bay region, where for a quarter-century, beginning in 1922, he served in various Maryland communities as principal and superintendent before going to Yonkers, N.Y. He has been a member of The Nation's Schools editorial advisory board since 1953.

The new president-elect holds a Ph.D. degree from Columbia University. In 1955, Northwestern University conferred upon him an honorary LL.D. degree, and in 1959 he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant. His A.B. degree is from George Washington University, and his M.A. from the University of Maryland.

Dr. Willis has long been regarded as one of America's most outspoken educators. In commenting on the critics' search for one educational program for all chil-



Benjamin C. Willis

dren, he made his often-quoted statement: "There is no American school system, but there are schools for American children. Each is different as it seeks to build a program of education which is unique and adaptable to the talents and ambitions of each child."

The other candidates for the office of (Continued on Page 130)

Education Conference Supports Federal Aid

PONTIAC, MICH. — Federal tax resources must be made available to help support our educational system, agree 13 nationally known educators who held a three-day private conference with Gov. G. Mennen Williams here recently.

The participants considered at some length the possibilities of substantial reductions of the cost of education at every level. While they recognized the possibilities latent in the use of television, films and a variety of other experimental technics, they found no serious hope that the funds to finance the enormous needed expansion of our educational system could be diverted from present uses, stated a summary report.

Education needs an informed, aroused and organized public opinion to achieve the desired goals, the group agreed.

"There was general recognition of the central importance of the comprehensive high school as the instrument for offering equal additional opportunities appropriate to the individual needs and abilities of each child. The group expressed concern over the pressure of some special interest groups to deny full educational opportunities to those elements that cannot or should not undertake a traditional academic program," the report said.

Participants in the conference included: Lynn M. Bartlett, Michigan superintendent of public instruction; the late Omer Carmichael, superintendent of schools, Louisville, Ky.; William G. Carr, executive secretary, N. E. A., and Edgar Fuller, executive secretary, Council of Chief State School Officers.

N.E.A. Releases TV Series: The School Story

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Education Association has released a series of half-hour films for television entitled "The School Story."

This programing marks the first time that a national noncommercial television series has been "built around the problems, aims and achievements of education in this country," according to William G. Carr, executive secretary of N.E.A.



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Urges Teachers To Seek Intelligent Public Appraisal

TOLEDO, OHIO. — The nation's teachers were urged recently to seek aggressively "intelligent public appraisal" of the schools in order to improve quality in education.

Addressing the annual convention of the Ohio Education Association here, William G. Carr, executive secretary of the N.E.A., described seeking constructive criticism as "a duty of the profession second only to the duty of providing instruction."

"While some criticism is ill founded and some appraisal unfairly biased, we have not fallen — and must not fall — into the habit of treating all appraisal as an attack," Dr. Carr declared. "When adverse comments about the schools are justified, the appropriate professional reaction is not fear or anger, but rather prompt remedial action," he said.

Billion in School Bonds Approved in Ohio in 15 Years

COLUMBUS, OHIO. — Ohio voters have approved four-fifths of all school bond issues submitted to ballot within the school districts of the state during the last 15 years, according to the Ohio State

University Bureau of Educational Research and Service. The bureau reported that the 2283 bond issues approved during that period totaled \$1,033,690,000.

Who's Got the Paddle?

NO SOONER had the Stamford, Conn., Board of Education approved the use of paddles as a disciplinary measure, than it confessed not knowing what kind of paddle to use or where to buy it. So it has asked all school principals to investigate the paddle situation and report to the board. Somebody recalled at a recent board meeting that a paddle hangs nailed to the wall in the office of Kermit R. Shulman, school psychologist. Upon examining the paddle, however, the board found it to be of the jokester variety and not at all feasible for getting to the seat of the problem. Mrs. Robert Dwyer, president of the Citizens' School League says she had been told that all schools already were supplied with paddles, but the board members, finding themselves higher and higher up the creek without a paddle, can't remember voting for funds to purchase them.

A.A.S.A. President-Elect

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president-elect were Alfred W. Beattie, superintendent of Allegheny County schools, Pittsburgh, and Evart W. Ardis, director of the bureau of appointments and occupational information at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Newly elected A.A.S.A. vice president is Irby B. Carruth, superintendent of schools in Austin, Tex., since 1950. He has held similar positions in Texas for the last 30 years. Dr. Carruth attended West Texas State College and received his M.A. from the University of Chicago. He holds an honorary LL.D. degree from Texas Christian University. He has been a member of The Nation's Schools editorial advisory board since October 1959.

Dr. Willis will take office as president of the A.A.S.A. on March 15, 1961, after completing his one-year term as president-elect. Dr. Carruth's term as vice president will be for one year and will begin on March 15 of this year.

Forrest E. Conner, superintendent of schools in St. Paul, was the A.A.S.A. president-elect during the past year. He will take office as president on March 15, 1960. Spencer W. Myers, superintendent of schools in Flint, Mich., is the new executive committee member.



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High School Principal Program Gives Quality Education Priority

PORTLAND, ORE. — Sixty-five discussion groups concerned with the problems of the nation's high school administrators will form the backbone of the 44th annual convention of the National Association of Secondary-School Principals.

The meetings will be held at the Civic Auditorium here, February 27 through March 2. Presiding at the opening session on Saturday morning will be President Cliff Robinson, director of secondary education of the Eugene, Ore., public schools. Theme of the meetings will be: Quality Education — Today's Priority.

Convention speakers include: James B. Conant, now engaged in a study of the junior high school; G. Keith Funston, president, New York Stock Exchange; Lee A. DuBridge, president, California Institute of Technology; Hubert N. Alyea, professor of chemistry, Princeton University; Frank Bennett, president, Eastern Oregon College, and Adin Hester, president, Future Farmers of America.

Guest of honor of the sessions will be Paul E. Elicker, N.A.S.S.P. executive secretary since 1940, whose resignation became effective in December. Dr. Elicker has been succeeded by Ellsworth Tompkins, former associate executive secretary.

Special convention features will include demonstrations of modern teaching devices, visits to local high schools, and dramatic and musical programs by Portland public school students.

Predicts 12 Month School Year; Machine Teaching

WORCESTER, MASS. — The nation's schools will be operated on a 12 month basis, and teaching machines will take over tedious classroom jobs, predicts Daniel R. Davies, coordinator of the Cooperative Project in Educational Administration of Columbia University.

Dr. Davies expects to see education and educators reach new heights of prestige. Teacher education of the future will be more rigorous than medical education, and educators' salaries will compare favorably with those of baseball players and movie stars, he prophesies.

Education of the future will adopt several new purposes, Dr. Davies thinks. He cites reduction of provincialism, identification and cultivation of individual talent, and development of a value system. These concepts are here today, but need 50 years to be accepted and put into great use, in his opinion.

All of these forecasts were made by Dr. Davies at the third annual seminar for school committeemen held at Clark University.

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American Education Award Going to John W. Studebaker

WASHINGTON, D.C. — John W. Studebaker has been selected as the recipient of the American Education Award for 1960 by the board of directors of the Associated Exhibitors of the N.E.A.

In 1934, Dr. Studebaker was appointed U.S. commissioner of education, the office he held until 1948. He organized a national defense training program in engineering colleges and vocational schools and in rural areas during this time.

Prior to his appointment as commissioner, Dr. Studebaker served as superintendent for instruction in Des Moines, Iowa. He is now vice president and chairman of the editorial board of Scholastic Magazines.

He has been especially concerned with the welfare of handicapped children, adult education, education by radio, conservation education, youth guidance, crime prevention and correction through education.

N.C.A. Project Receives Carnegie Grant

CHICAGO. — The North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools has been granted \$150,000 by

the Carnegie Corporation to continue its project on the guidance and motivation of superior and talented students, announced William R. Ross, N.C.A. president, here recently.

Launched in March of 1958 with a grant of \$174,000, the study was designed to identify superior and talented students in high school, to encourage them to achieve well in academically demanding courses, and to motivate them to continue their education beyond the high school.

J. Ned Bryan, formerly professor at Rutgers University, is serving as director of the project, and Bruce Shertzer, past director of the division of guidance and pupil personnel, Indiana State Department of Education, is associate director. One hundred schools from among the 3500 accredited secondary schools located within the 19 states served by the N.C.A. are included in the study.

Roy M. Hall To Keynote A.A.C.T.E. Meeting

CHICAGO. — "Research and New Development in Teacher Education" will be the theme for the 12th annual meeting of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education to be held here February 10 through 13.

Roy M. Hall, director of the Division of Statistics and Research Services of the U.S. Office of Education, will deliver the keynote address entitled "Needed Research in Teacher Education."

A.A.S.A. Meets February 13 to 17 in Atlantic City; Theme Is "Creating and Coping With Change"

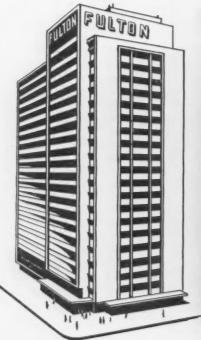
ATLANTIC CITY. — Some 20,000 educators are expected at the nine general sessions and the more than 100 group sessions of the 1960 convention of the American Association of School Administrators here, February 13 through 17.

The theme of the convention will be "Creating and Coping With Change."

Lawrence G. Derthick, U.S. Commissioner of Education, will address the first

general session on "Some Jobs America Has To Do." On the same program, Arthur H. Rice, editor of The Nation's Schools will moderate a panel discussion on "Burning Issues, Hot Potatoes, and Cool Answers." Panelists will be Richard D. Batchelder, president, N.E.A. Department of Classroom Teachers; Mrs. James C. Parker, president, National Congress of Parents and Teachers; G. E. Watson, first vice president, Council of Chief State

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On Saturday evening at the second general session, the Golden Key Awards will be presented under the auspices of seven national education organizations comprising the Golden Key Awards Council. Following the ceremony, Harold Benjamin, emeritus professor of education, George Peabody College for Teachers and visiting lecturer in philosophy at the University of Buenos Aires, will speak.

Those at the third general session will hear Ezra Taft Benson, secretary of agriculture. Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York will address the convention on "Our Public Schools and an Expanding Economy."

Remaining general sessions have as their speakers Lee Metcalf, U.S. Congressman from Montana; Herold C. Hunt, Eliot professor of education at Harvard University, and Eric Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Association of America. The ninth general session will be sponsored by Associated Exhibitors.

The more than 100 group sessions will study some of the most pressing problems of public school education in the form of debates, research studies, symposiums, panel discussions, expositions, case studies, and interrogations of specialists.

Four films "aimed to increase the

American public's knowledge and understanding of its schools" are scheduled.

Represented in photographs, models and drawings, "outstanding" school buildings, as judged by a jury of three architects and three school administrators, will be displayed. Two auditorium floors will house 843 booths displaying teaching aids, building products, furniture, books, equipment and materials.

Martin W. Essex, president of the A.A.S.A., will preside over six of the nine general sessions. Other presiding chairmen will be Evart W. Ardis, A.A.S.A. vice president; Natt B. Burbank, A.A.S.A. executive committee member, and Ellsworth C. Dent, president, Associated Exhibitors of the N.E.A.

Commission for Professional Improvement Established

DENVER. — Colorado school administrators unanimously voted to establish a Commission for Professional Improvement at their annual joint session with school board members held here recently.

The commission is organized to bring together in a closer relationship all groups and agencies interested in improving school administration at the state level.

It was proposed at the time of inauguration that the commission concentrate its efforts on the stimulation and coordination of educational research in Colorado, continuation of inservice improvement programs through area projects, and continuation of other programs of professional improvement.

Commission membership provides for representation from the Colorado Association of School Administrators, the Colorado State Department of Education, the Colorado Association of School Boards, and colleges and universities preparing school administrators.

The charter members are: Natt B. Burbank, superintendent, Boulder, chairman; William E. Bishop, superintendent, Englewood; John Dunlap, superintendent, Pueblo; Roy Frantz, board member, Pueblo; Calvin Grieder, professor of education, University of Colorado, Leslie Grimes, superintendent, Greeley; Kenneth Hansen, director, school of education, Western State College; Marvin Johansen, superintendent, Montrose.

Other members of the commission are Harold E. Moore, director, school of education, University of Denver; Kenneth Oberholtzer, superintendent, Denver; Gordon Quillen, professor of education, Colorado State University; Philip Rule, superintendent, La Junta; John Swenson, acting commissioner of education for Colorado; Leonard Walsh, assistant professor of education, Colorado State College; Joseph Weber, superintendent, Leadville, and Al Young, superintendent, Lamar.

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Will Use \$159,000 Grant To Study Language Teaching

BOULDER, COLO. — A study to improve the teaching of French, Spanish and German in the secondary schools "by furnishing teachers with some definite notions on features of the languages they teach" will be financed by a grant of \$159,000 from the U.S.O.E.

Prof. Pierre Delattre of the University of Colorado will investigate rhythm, intonation, syllabic separation, diphthongization, tenseness or laxness of throat muscles, and lip rounding and spreading. Where research on phonetic differences has been subjective in the past, "electronics make it possible for us to study these differences objectively through manipulation of artificial speech," explains Professor Delattre.

U.S.-P.I. Team Is Surveying Philippine School System

MANILA, P.I. — A team of American educators is working with prominent Filipino schoolmen on a survey of public school education here in the Philippine Islands.

J. Chester Swanson, former superintendent of schools at Oklahoma City, is head of the education survey team. Other American members are Edgar Morphet of the University of California; Delos Culp, president of Alabama State College at Livingston; Earle Hawkins, president of the state teachers college at Towson, Md.; Arthur Hearn, University of Oregon, and John Michaelis, University of California.

"It is particularly interesting to work in detail with the school system of another country," declares Mr. Swanson. "The Philippine public schools were organized and administered by American educators for a number of years after the Spanish-American War. It is quite unique to observe the American type of school in a centralized national school system."

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Charges Educators With Ignoring Progress

NEW YORK. — "Educators are trying to solve new problems in old ways," stated Henry T. Heald, president of the Ford Foundation, at the fourth annual Teachers Congress at St. John's University here.

"Accustomed to patterns of curriculum organization and teachers assignments and training that have worked in the past, they have failed too often to take advantage of new ideas and practices that may already be in use elsewhere," he explained.

"Our schools of education still fail to attract their fair share of able high school and college graduates. This is not conducive to improved educational quality," Dr. Heald added.

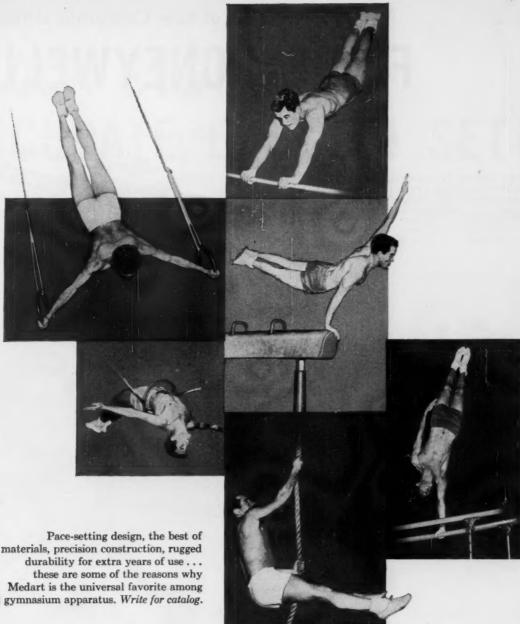
The Ford Foundation has granted nearly \$15.5 million to 19 colleges and universities during the last year to improve teacher education, Dr. Heald disclosed.

Says Children Should Know What Is Expected of Them

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Although children from 9 to 12 years old are likely to rebel against strict regulations, they are more upset if they don't know what is expected of them, concludes a report of the elementary school department of the U.S. Office of Education.

Resulting from a four-year study of the nation's school programs, the report says that children accustomed to having adults make their decisions for them are likely to demand some degree of independence, but there is no indication that rebellion is increasing.

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School Testing Programs To Be Subject of Study

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A joint study of testing programs offered to elementary and secondary schools was announced recently by the National Association of Secondary-School Principals, the American Association of School Administrators, and the Council of Chief State School Officers.

The study will be concerned with the extent to which testing programs may influence the curriculum of the schools. It will also examine the effects of using school time for testing programs not directly connected with teaching in the school.

Charles C. Holt, assistant superintendent of Proviso Township high schools, Maywood, Ill., was named director of the project.

Emphasize Health Education as Part of Curriculum

CHICAGO. — Health and physical education must be an integrated part of the school curriculum. In this era of emphasis on science and academic excellence, health and physical education still have a vital place in the school program, according to the consensus of some 250 participants in the seventh National Con-

ference of Physicians and Schools held recently at Highland Park, Ill.

The conference, sponsored by the American Medical Association, said that if health and physical education are to be given the time they deserve in the curriculum, teachers must be properly prepared and emphasis must be placed on the development of desirable attitudes and practices as well as upon information and skills.

It recommended that attention be given to close integration of the program of health instruction with health service functions and healthful living in the school. It deplored the fact that the testing of vision and hearing, weighing and measuring, health examinations, and such matters as lighting, ventilating and sanitizing are too often dealt with "in isolation"

Calls for Equalization and Aid for Teachers' Salaries

CHICAGO. — The need for federal equalization and aid for teachers' salaries is shown by a \$3450 difference in pay of beginning teachers in cities of more than 10,000 having comparable living costs. This was stated by Carl J. Megel, president of the American Federation of Teachers, at the annual midyear meeting of the federation's executive council held here recently.

Mr. Megel quoted a national survey of teachers' salaries just completed by George Reuter, the federation's research director, as showing "only small average and spotty improvement" in teachers' salaries this year over last.

Sophie Jaffe, a vice president of the A.F.T. and 6th grade teacher, told an afternoon session of the council that the responsibility for the "teaching of initiative, responsibility and adaptability" is being shifted by the home to the teacher.

Seven States Win Awards for Driver Training Work

NEW YORK. — Seven states recently received achievement awards for their driver training programs in the 1958-59 school year, from the Association of Casualty and Surety Companies. They are: Delaware, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, North Carolina and Utah.

Delaware, North Carolina and Utah also received awards for a "marked advance" in their driver training programs. New Jersey and the District of Columbia received progress awards as well.

The insurance report indicated that 63 per cent of the 21,000 public high schools in the nation offered some kind of driver training to the 67.7 per cent of students who were eligible. A total of 1,338,246 public high school students received driver training at school last year.

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Survey Seeks Key Design for Physics Buildings

NEW YORK. — A special section on high school physics facilities will be incorporated in a report to be published this summer on the Project on Design of Physics Buildings.

According to R. Ronald Palmer, director, the study is made possible by a grant from the Educational Facilities Laboratories, Inc., and is co-sponsored by the American Association of Physics Teachers and the American Institute of Physics.

Dr. Palmer, a physicist on leave from Beloit College, says that while the design study was initiated to provide needed information to those planning to spend an estimated \$250 million on new college and university physics buildings within the next few years, the findings should have implications for the teaching of physics at the secondary level. William M. Rice, on leave from the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory of the University of California, is project architect.

Information on physics facilities currently is being gathered at selected high schools, universities and colleges throughout the country by questionnaires and firsthand visits. Both good and bad features are being explored in existing classrooms, lecture halls, teaching laboratories, research laboratories, and supporting spaces, including room layout and electrical and mechanical services.

Top Scientists To Meet With Science Teachers

KANSAS CITY, MO. — Some of the nation's top practicing scientists will work with approximately 2000 teachers at the eighth annual convention of the National Science Teachers Association to be held here March 29 to April 2.

The role and importance of a broad and continuous science program for all American school children from kindergarten through the 12th grade will be studied.

Dr. Linus C. Pauling, who won the 1954 Nobel Prize in chemistry, and Dr. Walter H. Brattain, a co-winner of the 1956 Nobel Prize in physics, will head the roster of distinguished speakers.

To Hold National Conference on Higher Education

CHICAGO. — "Platform for Higher Education; Guide Lines for the Sixties" is the theme for the 15th National Conference on Higher Education to be held here March 6 through 9.

Topics to be taken up at discussion group meetings include developments in federal legislation, in segregation and desegregation, and in educational TV.

Schools' Responsibility for Delinquents Defined

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Schools' responsibility for the delinquent does not differ essentially from their responsibility to all other children or to other "special children — the blind, the deaf, the crippled, the mentally retarded, or even the gifted, asserts a report of the N.E.A.'s Juvenile Delinquency Project.

The report, "Delinquent Behavior: Principles and Practices," enumerates eight general principles that should guide schools in efforts to prevent and control juvenile delinquency. Working from these general principles, the authors have set up, under each category, an amplifying statement of how these principles can be put into practice. Each such section of the 350 page book is followed by a report on what is actually being done along these lines in many specific school districts in the country.

Juvenile delinquents are essentially "normal" youngsters, reacting normally to their own environment, according to study findings.

Would Permit Use of Force in Keeping Discipline

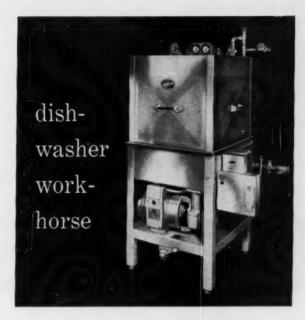
BLOOMINGTON, IND. — School discipline is not strict enough, agree 60 per cent of Phi Delta Kappans in a recent random sampling of the professional education fraternity's 32,000 members in 200 chapters. Thirty-eight per cent are satisfied that discipline is firm as it is.

There is more unanimity on the question of permitting teachers to use force in keeping discipline. Seventy per cent of the Phi Delta Kappans who replied favor legislation that would permit teachers to use force, in those states where legal restrictions exist.

"A teacher may resort to force only in extreme cases, and when the teacher and principal are in agreement that other means have failed," agree 29 per cent. Another 29 per cent think that a teacher should be authorized to "use reasonable physical force in moderate degree to keep discipline." Eleven per cent favor this statement: "A teacher may have full authority to 'paddle the problem child' or use other physical means to maintain discipline."

Scholarships Established by Federal Government

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Predicts More Federal Aid for Parochial Schools

CLEVELAND. — Governmental support for private and parochial schools, in one form or another, will increase in the future, predicted Gerald H. Read, professor of education, Kent State University, Ohio. He was speaking at the fifth annual meeting of the National Organization on Legal Problems in Education held here recently.

Dr. Read said that some parochial schools are already receiving federal funds for certain purposes and predicted that, as this continues, more religious groups are likely to form their own parochial schools in order that they may take advantage of such funds.

At another session, M. M. Chambers, visiting professor of higher education at the University of Michigan, told N.O.L.-P.E. members that the idea that federal support for education will bring federal control is a myth.

There is nothing to prevent us from obtaining support for education from the federal government while leaving control in the hands of legally constituted agencies, he added.

He urged more state support for higher education and called for free tuition in state universities. Opposing long-term governmental loans to students, Dr. Chambers suggested a system of scholarships that would aid private as well as public institutions of higher education in the United States.

Two-Year High Schools Started in Israel

TEL AVIV. — Twenty-six two-year secondary schools for some 1000 elementary school graduates are being opened this year in Israel. This is an entirely new venture for Israel. The schools are situated chiefly in development areas, and are for children who are unable or do not wish to continue with the full four-year secondary school program. The weekly curriculum includes 30 hours of general subjects and from 12 to 15 hours of vocational training.

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Would Employ Logic To Teach Arithmetic

ANN ARBOR, MICH. — Elementary schools could use modern developments in mathematics and logic to simplify the learning of arithmetic, Henry Van Engen, professor of mathematics and education at the University of Wisconsin, told elementary teachers at a meeting here recently.

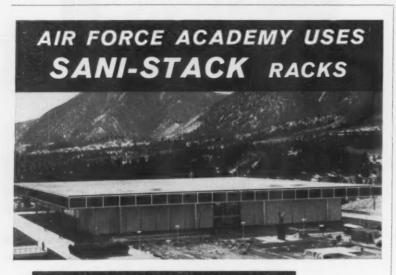
Mr. Van Engen said: "Present-day arithmetic courses show little evidence of the work done in the last 50 years to organize the foundations of mathematics. Elementary schools must organize arithmetic for the child by using fundamental principles of mathematics."

"One of the most pressing needs in the elementary school is a mathematical, psychologically sound approach to problem solving," he said. "Most present-day arithmetic programs have no way to teach a child how to solve problems except to depend on misleading clues," he declared.

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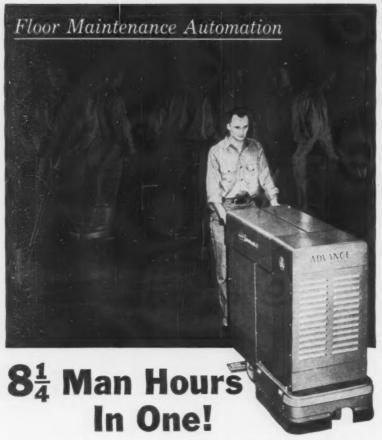


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Captive Audience. A Long Island former high school history teacher who is serving a six-month sentence on a misdemeanor narcotics charge - he began taking the dope during a "painful illness" - is teaching a group of youngsters in a pilot educational program at the Nassau County jail. Harry E. Hanners, 40, who taught at Levittown, volunteered to start the school after learning that jail officials were considering an educational program for youths from 16 to 20, but had no budgetary allowance for a teacher. Hanners instructs 20 inmates five hours a day in mathematics, American and world history, English and basic economics for the 7th through 12th grades.

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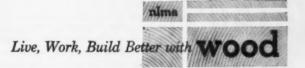
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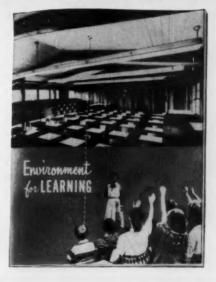




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A.A.A.S. Convention Told Danger of Machines; Need for Use of Scientists in State Department

CHICAGO.—"Scientists should sit with other scholars from all areas of intellectual activity to consider problems. relating to education and the support of research in general," H. Burr Steinbach, head of the University of Chicago's zoology department, told a general session of the American Association for the Advancement of Science here recently.

Dr. Steinbach also believes that "scientists should contribute their powers of orderly thought, comprehension and judgment to top policy considerations—

federal government and otherwise.

"There is no sense at all in neglecting a universal language, such as that of science, as a potent tool in aiding the formation of policy, especially on the international scene," he said.

The 126th convention of the association contained sectional meetings on mathematics, physics, chemistry, astronomy, geology and geography, zoological sciences, botanical sciences, anthropology, psychology, social and economic sciences, history and philosophy of science,

engineering, medical sciences, dentistry, pharmacy, agriculture, industrial science, education, and science in general. The various societies of each section also met.

"Moving Frontiers of Science" was the topic of the fourth general symposium, which consisted of "reports of research trends and findings of such broadly ramifying nature that they are of concern to many branches of science."

Thinking machines may outthink their creators, warned Norbert Wiener, a mathematician of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, at a general session of the association.

The assumption that machines cannot possess any degree of originality is false, Dr. Weiner contended. "This belief frequently takes the form of statement that nothing can come out of the machine that has not been put into it.

"One property of machines which is now actively admitted, it that over a limited range of operation they act far more rapidly than human beings and are far more precise in performing their operations. By the very slowness of our human activities, our effective control of machines may be nullified," Dr. Weiner added.

Integrate Science Program

One hundred and fifty members present at the National Science Teachers Association meeting, which took place simultaneously with the A.A.A.S. convention, unanimously agreed that there should be an integrated science program from kindergarten through Grade 12. Eighty per cent believe that the N.S.T.A. should furnish guide lines and suggested framework upon which to build a curriculum.

Out of a discussion came the resolution that the K-12 science sequence should contain a multiple track science program, that is, provisions for the advancement of students in order to enable them to work at their own pace.

It was the consensus of N.S.T.A. members attending the meeting that the day of teachers working independently in building a science curriculum is over. From now on teachers will seek advice and counsel of scientists, curriculum experts, and others working in the field of science education.

Who Writes Whose Ticket? Allowing youngsters to select their own schedule of studies and thereby write their own educational ticket, often following the line of least resistance, has been deplored by John B. Fischer, dean of Teachers College, Columbia University. Speaking at the 14th annual conference of the New Jersey School Superintendents Association, Dr. Fischer also said it would be a good idea to spend more time teaching English.

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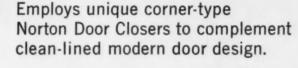
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Death Takes Integration Leader, Omer Carmichael of Kentucky

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Calls for Lab Facilities With General Science Course

CHICAGO.-General science, a textbook and lecture course in most junior high schools, needs laboratory facilities as much as any other science course, Basil Castaldi, University of Illinois school building specialist, told the National Association of Biology Teachers here recently.

Professor Castaldi called for a selfcontained science room combining classroom and laboratory in which pupils may be put to work on problems related to principles they have just been taught during the class period.

"Reinforcement of learning through prompt application of textbook or lecture material is the best teaching for all pupils, whether they be bright, slow or average," Professor Castaldi said. "Laboratory periods twice a week in some other room do not provide this experience at the right time," he added.

Say 'Why Science Must Be Taught With Science'

NEW YORK. - The reason science is important in the world today, as well as the subject matter of science, must be taught American high school students, urges a recent report by the Science Manpower Project of Teachers College, Columbia University.

The report resulted from a study of the attitudes of a statewide cross-section of 3300 New Jersey high school seniors toward science and scientific careers.

As a group, the students were favorably disposed toward science, but "substantial numbers" of nonscience students in the high ability group indicated that they did not fully understand the nature of science and scientific work.

The science teacher is in a key position to help young people gain a constructive understanding of scientific endeavor, declared Hugh Allen Jr., associate professor of physics and science education at Montclair State College, New Jersey, who made the study.

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'Negro Youth Need Training To Compete for Employment'

WASHINGTON, D.C. — "Added efforts must be made to help Negro parents to keep their children in school so that they can compete for employment more effectively," said a report of the Committee on Government Contracts, with Vice President Richard Nixon as chairman.

The report continued: "But theirs is not the only responsibility. In the interests of the national economy as well as Negro workers, it is up to our educators, vocational guidance counselors, and employers to see that the Negro youth has the opportunity for the kind of training that will prepare him for the types of jobs which we know will call for numerous workers the next 10 years."

Recent Census Bureau data indicate that 80 per cent of white children between the ages 14 and 18 are attending high school, while only 65 per cent of Negro children in the same age group are enrolled, the report asserts.

According to Labor Department projections, the report states, 7.5 million new workers during the next decade will be without a high school education. Unless the situation of the past and present is sharply changed, the committee believes that a very high proportion of these "handicapped" workers will be Negroes.

'Child's Mental Health Is Teachers' Responsibility'

ANN ARBOR, MICH. — Parents in our society have made teachers responsible for the mental health of their children, declares Elton B. McNeil, associate professor of psychology at the University of Michigan.

"It isn't enough today for a teacher to be an educated quiz-master. In this psychological age, citizens of our society can no longer accept teachers whose educational function is merely to pass on facts, figures and information to children," Professor McNeil says.

The current "low ebb in teacher morale" stems from the fact that the training teachers get in schools of education and on the job is not adequate to prepare them to manage such complicated and difficult responsibility, according to the psychologist.

He believes that "we must train the average classroom teacher to understand and apply the orientation and skills of clinical psychology to the classroom learning situation."

The psychological approach to education is a movement to return in spirit to the education of the whole child, he maintains. "The future will see the impact of teachers on the social, emotional and intellectual development of our children increased immensely," Professor McNeil forecasts.

School Districts Liable; Decision Not Retroactive

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. — Following a rehearing by the Illinois supreme court of the Molitor v. Kaneland Community Unit District No. 302 case (The Nation's Schools, August 1959), the court rendered a decision similar to the one it had given earlier: School districts are not immune from tort liability. The court stated, however, that the precedent established in this case will not be applied retroactively but will apply only to accidents following date of the decision.

Favors More Intellectual, Less Vocational, Training

PHILADELPHIA. — American education must become less vocational and more intellectual, declared Henry S. Commager, historian from Amherst College, speaking to a group of teachers and school administrators at the University of Pennsylvania.

He suggested that schools abolish paid coaching staffs, band uniforms and expensive stadiums, and drop courses in driving.

Favoring a longer school day and week, Dr. Commager maintained that, with more concentrated work, the brightest high school students could be graduated in three years instead of four.





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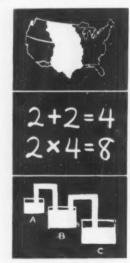
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Only Behind the Bamboo. Frederick Nossal of the Toronto Globe and Mail visited No. 1 Primary School in Peiping, China, recently and found the children doing calisthenics in the playground and shouting in unison, Train yourself to be healthy so you can defend your motherland and world peace!" Most of the 31 teachers in the 900 pupil school (coeducational with six grades) have just graduated from high school. The principal, Tang Hsi Hsung, explained to Mr. Nossal that the school is 50 years old and is soon to be enlarged. He found the classroom atmosphere friendly. The trend in China is toward boarding schools, Tang Hsi Hsung told the reporter. Out of Tang's own school's 900 children, 110 are boarders, "but parents of half the children at the school have applied for them to be boarders." Marvels Mr. Nossal: "Invariably their (the children's) exemplary behavior in class makes an observer think that surely school children can be so good and obedient only in a Communist state."

Hide Behind the Rompers! All was going quietly and well in the kindergarten classroom of Eva D. Hinden in an Albany, N.Y., school when suddenly a man crashed into the room followed by two armed hoodlums in hot chase, "Don't shoot those guns! Don't harm the children!" screamed the teacher. While the men tussled, Miss Hinden herded the 25 alarmed voungsters into the hall. The unidentified assailants fled without shooting and took nothing from the man they had attacked. They had lured John D. Betor, singer and grill operator, from his home and had announced a hold-up. "I gambled they wouldn't shoot," the victim explained later, saying he ran into the school to escape them.

No Speaka da English. More than 125,000 of New York City's elementary school children can't speak English. The group includes some 100,-000 pupils who have come to the Big Town from Puerto Rico, with the remaining 25,000 representing foreign countries. This was told recently on Supt. John J. Theobald's weekly radio program by Elsie Wolk, who supervises the instruction of non-English speaking children in New York. While it's nothing new for a traditional port of entry like New York to have such children in its schools, Mrs. Wolk says the problem is now somewhat different. "Whereas previous generations of newcomers tended to live in a few neighborhoods, our current non-English speaking population is scattered," she states. Part of the city's efforts to overcome the language barrier include 90 special coordinators who have been assigned to schools having many such pupils. These coordinators help to train the teachers in languages.



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rather than self-appointed. That will take considerable doing, but it needs to be done.

L'Envoi. A last chapter on effective professional controls rounds up current thinking and measures. It ducks no issues. It recognizes that: (1) We have a need for a clearer definition of that "definitive body of knowledge" which is the first criterion of a profession; (2) ours is not private but public practice; (3) (perhaps not so clearly indicated) we are a special segment of a wider profession, and all graduate work in education is not taken in administration; (4) the degree of state leadership and control varies widely among the Fifty; (5) our accrediting organization and processes require clarification.

There are three possible courses with respect to the accreditation of administrators: (1) formation by the A.A.S.A. of its own agency; (2) cooperation of the A.A.S.A. for this task within the N.E.A. Commission on Teacher Education; (3) leaving quality control to the states and to individual associations. The commission prefers the second alternative as tending to preserve the unity of the total profession and not encouraging further proliferation of graduate schools in educational administration.

This report rightly declares that all the preparation programs in the world won't create a school administrator unless some school board somewhere first recognizes him as such. In the interest of better schools, boards must be prepared to accept only superintendents who have been professionally baptized.

The yearbook applauds the efforts which the profession has made further to professionalize itself, welcomes the press comments that hailed the A.A.S.A. membership resolution of 1959 as the greatest advance in 75 years, puts the problem of further progress squarely in the laps of the various agencies concerned, and concludes that "the profession itself must now turn with imagination and vigor to the job of paying for the high-quality preparation of the administrators we must have."

It is thoughtful and eloquent.

Those American Slobs. Americans lack lofty goals and high ideals and their culture level is lower than that of the Russians. So say 24 young Russian men and women back in Moscow after a month's tour of the United States, arranged under the American-Soviet cultural exchange agreement. Generally, the comrades say they believe that many of the negative aspects of American life they have read about so often at home have been confirmed.

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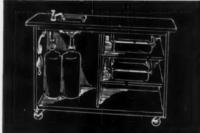
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11-13. American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, 12th annual meeting, Chicago.

11-13. United Business Education Association, national meeting, Chicago.

13-17. American Association of School Administrators, Atlantic City.

15-17. American Educational Research Association, N.E.A., Atlantic City.

27-Mar. 2. National Association of Secondary-School Principals, N.E.A., 44th annual convention, Portland, Ore.

MARCH

6-9. Association for Higher Education, 15th national conference, Chicago.

6-10. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, N.E.A., 15th annual meeting, Washington, D.C.

25-30. Department of Elementary School Principals, N.E.A., annual meeting, St. Louis.

27-April 2. 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth, Washington, D.C.

APRIL

3-9. National Library Week.

17-22. Association for Childhood Education International, annual study conference, Cleveland.

20-23. National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, annual meeting, Buffalo.

24-27. National School Boards Association, annual meeting, Chicago.

JUNE

12. United Business Education Association, annual meeting, Los Angeles.

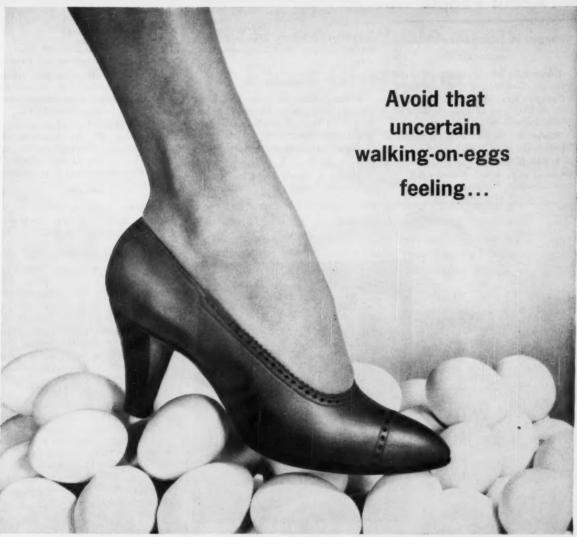
19-22. Campus Safety Association, National Safety Council, Seventh National Conference on Campus Safety, Ithaca, N.Y.

19-23. National Association of Student Councils, National Association of Secondary School Principals, annual conference, Janesville, Wis.

26-July 1. National Education Association, annual meeting, Los Angeles.

29. National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, N.E.A., joint meeting, Los Angeles.

With Russian Dressing. Subjects similar to those that have brought criticism from some American educators and laymen as "frills" are being taught in the Soviet Union, where Russian children are preparing for ballroom dancing as well as satellite launching. Jennelle Moorhead, Oregon professor of education, and a recent visitor to the U.S.S.R., says that Russian children in Grades 5 through 8 learn folk and ballroom dancing as well as other physical education subjects.



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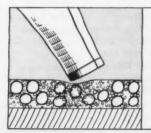
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Changes in Superintendencies NORTHEAST

Edmund B. Diehl, elementary school principal, Claysburg, Pa., to supervising principal, Greenfield-Kimmel Joint Schools, Claysburg. He succeeds Harry O. Wolfe Jr., who goes to Meyersdale, Pa.

Stanley W. Wright, West Springfield, Mass., to Haverhill, Mass.

Arnold R. Profeta, principal, Central Regional High School, Bayville, N.J., to superintendent, Palisades Park, N.J. Maurice F. Smith, Topsfield-Wenham School Union, Topsfield, Mass., to Enfield, Conn.

William H. Galvin, assistant superintendent, Canton, Mass., to superintendent there.

MIDWEST

William Eckstrom, principal, Lake Odessa, Mich., to superintendent there, succeeding Maxwell Hamilton, who goes to Fremont. Mich.

Donald R. Lidikay, Pratt, Kan., to Liberty, Mo.

Mahlen H. Moore, high school principal, Midland, Mich., to assistant superintendent and director of secondary education there.

SOUTHEAST

Frank E. Flora, high school principal, Radford, Va., to superintendent there.

George Maxwell, elementary school principal, Melbourne, Fla., to assistant superintendent for administrative services, Brevard County, Titusville, Fla.

Arthur Cotterill, high school principal, Flemingsburg, Ky., to superintendent, Fleming County, Flemingsburg, Ky., effective July 1. He succeeds Frank D. Scott, who retires after 16 years there.

WESTERN

Ferdinand J. Kiesel, Unified School District, Fontana, Calif., to Unified School District, San Juan, Calif.

Other Appointments . . .

Harry H. Henderson has accepted the appointment as superintendent, state training school, Lander, Wyo. He succeeds G. M. Willson, who retires after 32 years there.

M. B. Robinson, assistant superintendent, area trade schools, Columbia, S.C., to superintendent there. He succeeds B. R. Turner, who becomes technical supervisor and consultant of the area trade schools.

Joseph D. Moore, principal, Lansdowne-Aldan High School, Lansdowne, Pa., has been appointed director of secondary education, Paoli Area High School System, Berwyn, Pa.

George D. Stoddard, dean, school of education, New York University, has been appointed executive vice president of the university.

Resigned . . .

Ralph L. Shattuck, Middletown, N.Y., effective July 31.

C. Willard Cross, Faribault, Minn., effective September 1. He has been in the Faribault school system 33 years.

Retirements . . .

C. N. Brandon, superintendent for 31 years in Columbus, Miss., effective July 1.

William E. Chalmers, superintendent, Cooke County, Gainesville, Tex.

Died . . .

F. J. Penley, 63, retired superintendent, rural district, covering the towns of Avon Heights, Burlington, Granby, Canton and Avon, Conn.

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A.A.S.A. Book, "Planning America's School Buildings," Probes Principles Governing Ultimate School Design

Planning America's School Buildings. By members of School Building Commission, American Association of School Administrators, Shirley Cooper, A.A.S.A. associate secretary, chairman. Foreword by Finis E. Engleman, executive secretary. Published by the association, 1201 Sixteenth St., N.W., Washington 6, D.C. Pp. 240. \$6.

THERE comes a time in the schoolhouse planning process when there must be merged into clearly conceived concepts, and spelled out in terms of space and facilities, all that needs to be done through the instructional program. This includes everything that is known about how children learn and behave and how teachers and administrators work. Reflected will be: values, needs and goals; practices, procedures and methods; organization, materials and equipment.

So states "Planning America's School Buildings," the most recently published addition to construction literature, written by A.A.S.A. School Building Commission members.

Members of the commission, in addition to chairman Cooper, are: Charles R. Colbert, architect, New Orleans, La.; William H. Curtis, supervising principal, District No. 4, Brookhaven, Bellport, N.Y.; Charles D. Gibson, chief, Bureau of School Planning, State Department of Education, Sacramento, Calif.; Robert S. Gilchrist, superintendent of schools, University City, Mo.; John W. McLeod, architect, Washington, D.C., and Arnold S. Tjomsland, director of school plant facilities, State Board of Education, Olympia, Wash.

Special contributors were: William J. Ellena, assistant executive secretary, A.A.S.A., Washington, D.C., and George W. Holmes III, School of Education, University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

Essentials of Building Design

Elaborating upon their philosophy of pupil housing, the writers continue:

"Creativity, imagination, invention—these are essential to the design of a good school building. The building must provide an environment which excites the imagination and challenges the abilities of those who use it. Ideals and values we want taught to our children—esthetics, order, proportion, strength, sensitivity, compassion, spiritual values, courage—should be embodied in the school building. If this is accomplished, the structure itself becomes an important tool for teaching, an essential and integral part of the process of education."

Hampering this creative process, say the authors, is our knowledge of schools as they are, which limits our imagining schools as they might be. Too often we are actually afraid of the kind of environment we think appropriate for a democracy. When we are hampered by what is, it is difficult for us to see what might be.

Beauty Is Basic

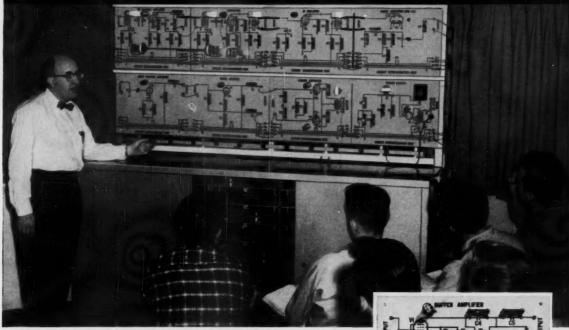
One of the important elements in the design of new school buildings, and one of the basic needs of the growing child, is beauty, the book states. "Good buildings have a capacity for attracting beauty unto themselves and then transmitting it into the lives of those who have been intimately associated with them. A child's ability to see and appreciate physical beauty is nurtured by his surroundings. Should not then his schoolhouse contribute toward his feeling for beauty?"

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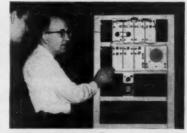
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On the superintendent, the book emphasizes, lies the great responsibility of viewing the proposed school plant in its entirety. He must maintain an appropriate balance, keeping in mind at all times the needs of the children whom the school serves, of the teachers, and of the community. "The school plant thus will not then be a series of isolated facilities that happen to be located in a cluster in a single site. The school plant when it is completed will be a completely knit entity of instructional facilities."

How Not To Plan

A discussion of the planning process constitutes one chapter of the book. "Let no one be misled — the process by which a school district arrives at decisions concerning its building program is a vital factor in determining the kind of educational program provided the children and youth of that community."

The superintendent or any other official should not place himself, and himself alone, in the roles of educator, planner, architect and contractor, the book cautions, lest he create a climate that will tend to develop an autocratic learning situation, one not in accord with democratic principles. On the other hand, the writers state: "In a school district where the superintendent uses his status as a leader to involve others in identifying and solving educational problems, a climate is created that will produce a learning situation reflecting the processes and educational needs of our American society."

Discusses Light, Ventilation

The book devotes considerable space to thermal, visual and acoustical environment. Excessive ventilation requirements of some codes are criticized. The importance of orientation and adequate shielding of buildings for the control of daylight is discussed. Stress is placed on the fact that daylight should no longer be regarded the prime source, supplemented by electric light. The decision as to whether the 70 foot-candle lighting level advocated by the lighting industry will do better on a particular job than one of 30 foot-candles rests with the local administration, but the problems of reflected glare should not be overlooked.

As yet there are no precise answers to questions regarding the most desirable television facilities. Thus it would seem wise to provide as much flexibility as possible in the structural arrangement of a building, keeping in mind ETV's potential for the future.

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and the Capital-Outlay Program," all aspects are treated from initiating the first steps of schoolhouse planning to the ultimate stages of financing.

There is a long discussion of educational specifications as complete and precise statements in terms of the educational program. The development of "specs" should be the result of a strong cooperative effort of professional staff, other planning groups, and the consultants.

"What should a good school building cost?" asks the lead sentence of another chapter. The answer reflects such variables as economic condition, planning procedures, geographic location, size of project, type of building, the quality of building materials and construction, and the program requirements. Many communities have been able to improve their facilities without additional cost or at reduced cost despite the steady rise in the cost of materials and labor.

Dismisses Stock Plans

Stock plans are dismissed summarily because they "actually have been tried in some 16 or 17 states with very little success." Although the cost of prefabricated schools "generally has been considerably less than expected," mass producing of basic modules is favored. With present labor costs constituting 60 per

cent of construction costs, an expensive material prefinished at the shop in many cases may result in a lower building cost.

The "obsession" of comparing the cost of school buildings is scorned, since such figures reflect dimension measuring technics on which authorities do not agree. "If the finished product has provided students and teachers with a building which is at once spatially adequate and environmentally satisfying, then the community will know it has received good measure."

The final two chapters deal with the rehabilitation of existing school buildings and their operation and maintenance.

To rebuild or to rehabilitate? The right answer to this question may be evident only after an objective evaluation report has been prepared. Educational, structural and electrical adequacy and fire safety aspects must be determined. Original drawings should be studied.

'Organize for Maintenance'

Because the modern school is a complex structure within which there exists an intricate maze of wiring, piping, duct work, and innumerable controls, the administration must organize for maintenance. Responsibility must be fixed, personnel hired and trained, work inspected. Priorities must be set up, a budget maintained, purchasing procedures determined. Regarding all of these matters helps are offered. The authors also promise that by keeping in mind the operation and maintenance aspects of the proposed plant during the planning stages many long-term savings can be realized by the school district.

For those seeking aid on methods and systems of predicting pupil population, one chapter outlines a variety of forecasting and projection technics. Yet the conclusion of this section reads:

"To date, no exact method or formulas have been developed which can predict future changes in population in localized areas with a high degree of accuracy. To compensate, as many methods as possible should be used; only reliable data should be employed, and estimates should be revised as often as new data are available. Predictions beyond five years into the future must be regarded as speculation only."

Concerning site selection the volume states: "Selection of a site should follow, not precede, the lengthy process of surveying community service agencies, analyzing administrative organization and patterns of community life, and developing the educational program. The wise site selection method is a continuing, long-range approach."

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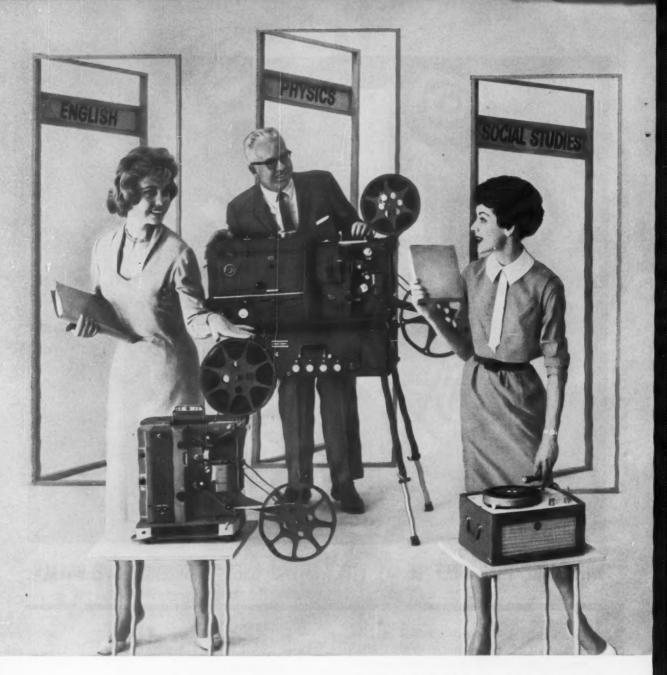
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access streets, esthetic tone of the site, and the natural features which lend themselves to accenting building masses or providing the land breaks that so often give the extra touch of character." The evaluation of the structural engineer, civil engineer, landscape architect, traffic engineer, and real estate broker also will be helpful, since each man is probably seeing a "picture in his own head" unlike that of any other member of the group.

Predictions and Trends

The opening chapter of the A.A.S.A. publication is a philosophical scanning of the history of education. School buildings

are reviewed in the light of changing cultures; their symbolism for society and for the local community is interpreted.

The second chapter takes a good look at "The Midcentury Boom in Schoolhouse Construction." The results of the trend toward school district reorganization, population swells, and more schooling for all are reduced to tables. These provide a wealth of statistics, including data on live births, capital outlay per pupil, enrollments in public schools, and total classrooms constructed.

Emphasis throughout the volume is placed upon the tremendous difficulty inherent in the task of planning school housing. The problems cannot be fully comprehended until one realizes that today's building plan must serve not only the needs of present children but also those of our grandchildren and greatgrandchildren, it is explained. Will it be flexible enough to make future adaptation easy?

Predicting that America's most rapidly growing quarter of a century lies immediately ahead, the authors anticipate that the ungraded or nongraded primary school concept will probably influence elementary school organization and design during the next several years or decades.

Findings of extensive research into the problems of how adolescents learn, the basic drives that motivate them to action, and their needs for living in the foreseeable future clearly point to "the urgency for breaking away in the secondary school from the present lock-step of organization for instruction."

Trends that more recently have made it necessary to plan a different type of school structure than that suitable a generation or two ago are listed. These include: an increasing emphasis on a more penetrating, comprehensive, and farreaching guidance program; provisions for science education facilities; a curriculum of social studies that will cast the people of this country in a role of world leadership, which they did not seek, and the use of mass media of communication and instruction. Adult education facilities and the year-round school also have raised problems that remain very real, the authors conclude. - L. E. B.

President Says Education Local, Personal Responsibility

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In his State of the Union address, President Eisenhower offered little encouragement to those hoping for passage of the Murray-Metcalf bill or similar legislation granting generous federal support to education.

"We cannot be complacent about educating our youth," he stated. "But the route to better trained minds is not through the swift administration of a federal hypodermic or sustained financial transfusion.

"The educational process, essentially a local and personal responsibility, cannot be made to leap ahead by crash, centralized governmental action."

The President urged Congress to take action on a program proposed by the Administration to help eliminate "current deficiencies in the educational system.

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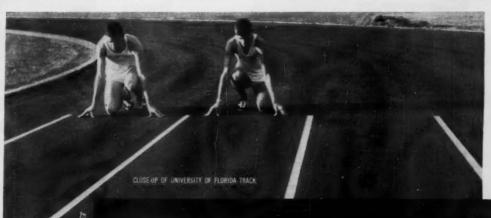
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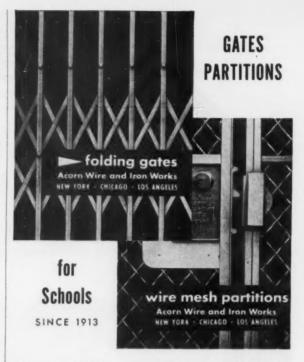
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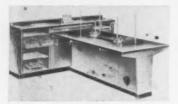
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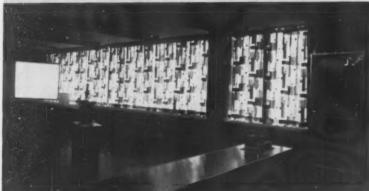


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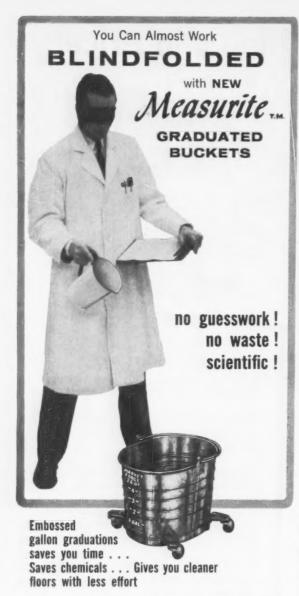
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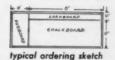
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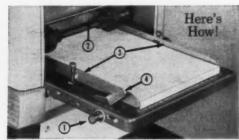
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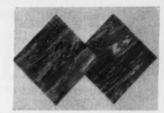
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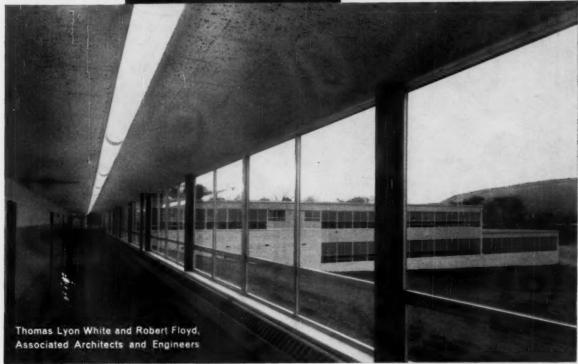




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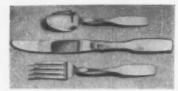
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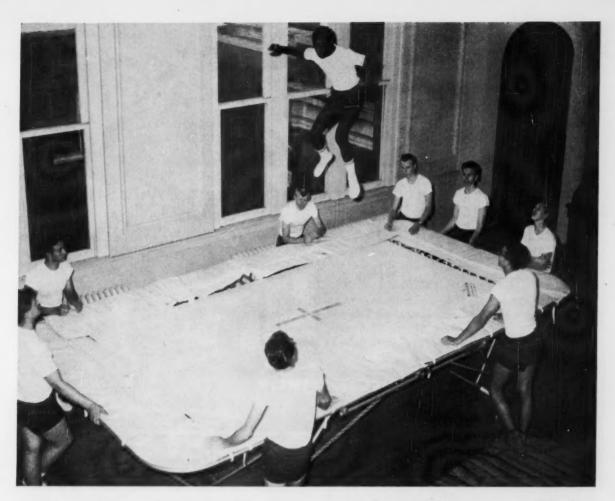
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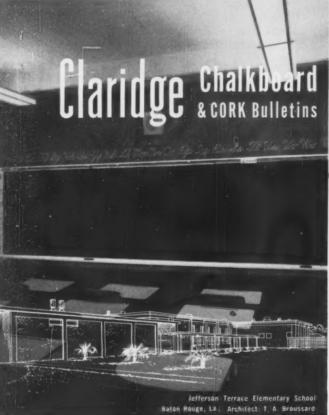
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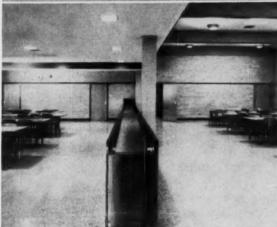


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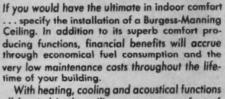
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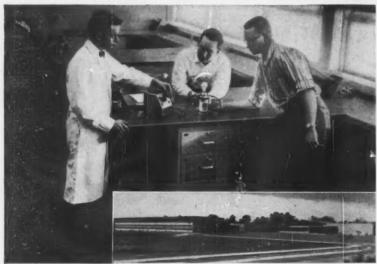
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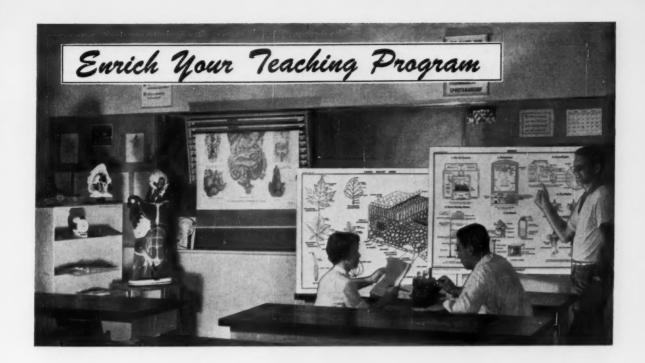
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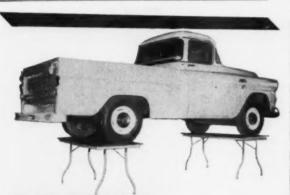


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How to choose the best finish for your gymnasium floor

Floor is steel wooled and mopped after sealing; also, between coats of Multi-Clean Gym Finish.

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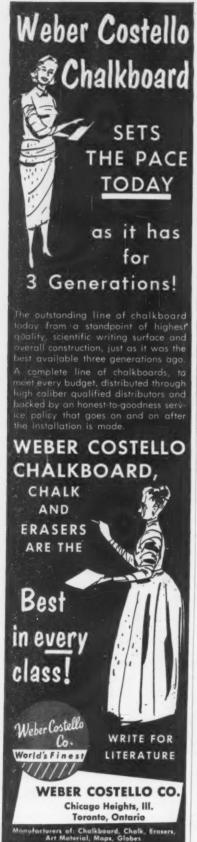
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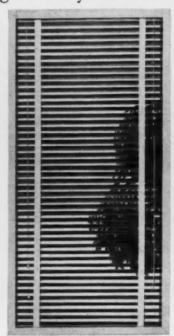


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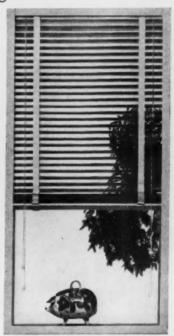
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Portable Dish Cart Has Large Storage Space



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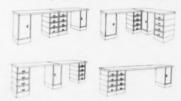
New Pan Sizes Added to Bloomfield Line

Five new sizes of stainless steel pans with accompanying covers are added to the Bloomfield line of sectional pans for food service. The new units have precision tapered sides, corners have full thickness of metal and are perfectly rounded for ease of cleaning and sanitation. The pans can be furnished with flat, nesting-type covers for food protection and easy stacking. Bloomfield Industries Inc., 4546 W. 47th St., Chicago 32.

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Tolerton Work Benches Have Cabinet Bases

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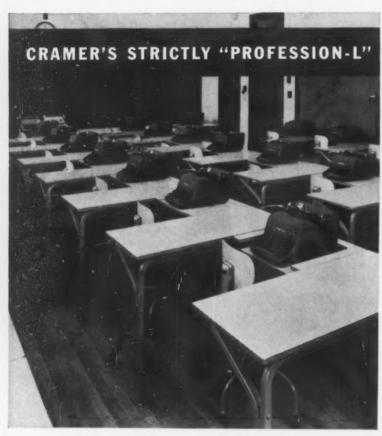
Dodge 1960 Bus Chassis Available in two models

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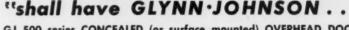
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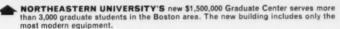
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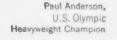
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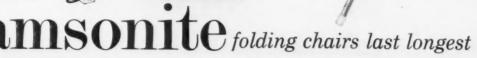
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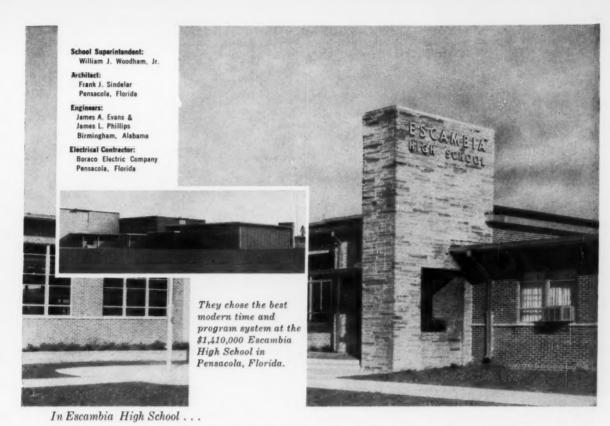
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• Those concerned with food service in schools, as well as in other public institutions and in the home, will find much helpful information in the 450-page compendium on nutrition offered by H. J. Heinz Co., P.O. Box 57, Pittsburgh 30, Pa. Written by the Heinz nutrition specialist, Dr. Benjamin Burton, with the assistance of an editorial board of six nutrition authorities, the "Heinz Handbook of Nutrition" is the first book-length scientific work to come out of the year-old Heinz Research Center.

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· "Specialty Classroom Units by Royal" is the title of a colorful folder illustrating and describing typing, art and bookkeeping desks, special student chairs and cabinets and stools available from Royal Metal Mfg. Co., One Park Ave., New York 16.
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 Detailed descriptions and illustrations of "Engineered Economy" fixtures designed for school lighting are featured in the "School Lighting Folder" available from Smithcraft Lighting, Chelsea 50, Mass. Especially mentioned is the Federal fixture, a new addition to the Smitheraft line.

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• "Catalog C-3" gives specifications, illustrations and descriptions of some of the laboratory equipment manufactured by Modern Laboratory Equipment Co., Inc., 1809 First Ave., New York 28. Included are convection and hazardous atmosphere ovens, dry air sterilizers, incubators and temperature controls.

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· Thirty-two pages of helpful, illustrated hints for students and instructors are included in the new booklet, "Tips-Techniques and Drafting Aids" available from Alvin & Co., Inc., 611 Palisado Ave., Windsor, Conn. The booklet, selling at 50 cents per copy, is divided into classifica-

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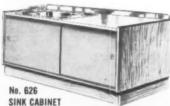


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- Bulletin F 50100 on the Chromalox Electric Baseboard Heaters, type BBC, discusses the design and operation of this rugged baseboard heater and its accessory parts designed to provide true perimeter heating comfort in classrooms and other areas of schools and other institutions. It is available from Edwin L. Wiegand, 7500 Thomas Blvd., Pittsburgh 8, Pa.
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- Association Films, Inc., 347 Madison Ave., New York 17 lists over 500 free and rental 16mm motion pictures in its 44-page catalog, "Selected Motion Pictures." Included are comedies, educational films, feature movies and Walt Disney films.
- · "Vibration of Molecules" and "An Introduction to Reaction Kinetics' are the titles of two new films intended as teaching aids for courses in general and physical chemistry. They were produced by Sutherland Educational Films, Inc., 201 N. Occidental Blvd., Los Angeles 26, Calif., under the supervision of a committee from the American Chemical Society.

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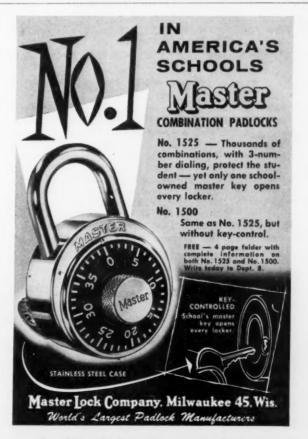


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Kewaunee Scientific Equipment is the name of a new division formed by Kewaunee Mfg. Co., Adrian, Mich., to meet the increasing requirements for highly specialized equipment. The new division is manned by a separate group of experienced engineers responsible for the design and construction of highly technical equipment and apparatus for research and production.

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